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Rotary Club donates $5K toward library bathroom renovations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library Board at its regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15, saw the Cullman Rotary Club present a $5,000 donation to the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County for its capital campaign. The donation will go toward bathroom renovations, with the goal of making them ADA-compliant and accessible to all library patrons.

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At the Jan. 15, 2026, Cullman County Public Library Board meeting, the Cullman Rotary Club donated $5,000 toward bathroom renovations. Left to right are Drew Green, Tanya Allcorn, Martha Williams, Shelby Creekmore, Maria Stanford, Julie Butler Freeman, Amber Thornton, Brooke Desnoes and Jill Meggs.

Wallace State Cheer takes 2nd in national championship



WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Wallace State Community College Cheer took second place in the Open Small Coed Finals of the 2026 UCA & UDA College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship. The event was held at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Jan. 16-18. Said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, "Congratulations Wallace State Cheer for second at (the) UCA National Championship! We are so proud of all of you!"

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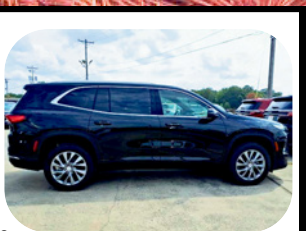


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The Novel Creations crafting group is seen on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026, at the Cullman County Public Library.

Thursday Novel Creations at the library

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Every Thursday at 3 p.m. the Cullman County Public Library welcomes its Novel Creations crafting group. They gather to create a do-it-yourself activity and each week the craft is selected by a rotating teacher from the group.

On Jan. 8, the group created a variety of floral foam art. On Jan. 15, the creations were Valentine's Day themed. Sets of salt and pepper shakers were provided, along with heart stickers, beaded necklaces, ribbon and more. More than 10 participated, and group welcomes more to attend.

Supplies are provided, so those who would like to participate can join any time. For more information, contact the Cullman County Public Library at 256-734-2720 or cullmanpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman.



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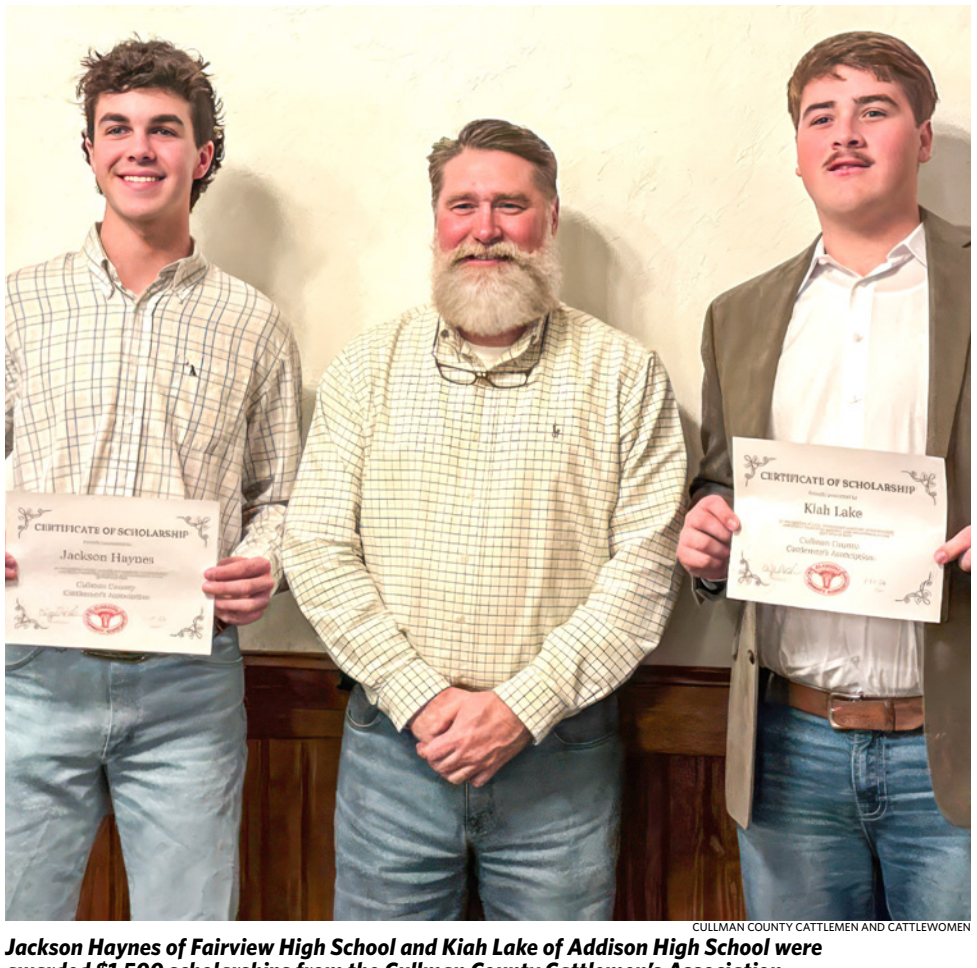
Scholarship winners

Scholarships were awarded at the Cullman County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen annual winter meeting on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, at Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman.



CULLMAN COUNTY CATTLEMEN AND CATTLEWOMEN

Melissa Williams of Holly Pond High School was awarded a $1,500 scholarship from the Cullman County Cattlewomen's Association. Pictured are Williams and CCWA President Dr. Cyndi Roden.



CULLMAN COUNTY CATTLEMEN AND CATTLEWOMEN

Jackson Haynes of Fairview High School and Kiah Lake of Addison High School were awarded $1,500 scholarships from the Cullman County Cattlemen's Association. Pictured are Haynes, Scholarship Committee Chair David Benefield and Lake.



SHELBY CREEKMORE

Children participate in a Pokémon card trading event at the Cullman County Public Library on Jan. 10, 2026.

Cullman library hosts quarterly card trading event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Pokémon cards were first launched in the mid-1990s and have recently regained traction by popular demand. In 2016 the release of the game Pokémon Go gave the franchise a new spotlight. In recent years, attempts at finding rare cards have brought new interest to card trading.

The Cullman County Public Library holds a quarterly trading event for players of all ages.

"We started the Pokémon trading event last year – I think it was the spring or summer – so this is the third or fourth time that we've held the event," said Cullman County Public Library System Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore.

The events remain successful and there have been requests for the library to hold more in the future, though there are currently no plans.

"We invite visitors of all ages to come and participate. We encourage collectors to bring in their cards and trade if they would like or just to bring in for show. They can also play tournaments here," Creekmore said.

The last event on Jan. 10 saw nearly 20 participants. The library also held a Pokémon scavenger hunt.

The next event will be held at the library in the summer. Nothing is decided as of this time, but have your cards ready!

For more info, or to donated cards for future events, email screekmore@cullmanlib.org.

Casino Night fundraiser to support Cullman High School soccer set for Jan. 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Supporters of Cullman High School soccer will have a chance to enjoy an evening of games, food and friendly competition when Casino Night returns Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at The Venue at Cotton Creek.

The event, benefiting the Cullman Soccer Booster Club, will run from 7-10:30 p.m., with doors opening at 6 and gaming tables opening at 7.

Organizers promise an energetic casino-style atmosphere featuring poker, blackjack and roulette, all played for entertainment purposes in support of the school's soccer program.

Participants will receive play money to use at the tables, with winnings converted into bidding power for a live auction. Proceeds from ticket sales, sponsorships and play money purchases will go toward supporting Cullman High School soccer.

Individual tickets are $100 and include $200 in play money along with a catered food spread. Additional play money will be available for purchase during the event.

Table sponsorships are also available for $800. Each sponsorship includes eight seats, $2,000 in shared play money, table signage and social media recognition.

The event is open to adults and is designed as a social evening combining fundraising with entertainment in a relaxed setting.

Those interested in purchasing tickets, securing a table sponsorship or learning more can contact Holly Bussman at 256-338-9083.

Additional information and updates are available at Facebook/Cullman Bearcat Soccer Booster Club.

Casino Night will be held at The Venue at Cotton Creek, 417 Third Ave. SW, on Friday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

EDITORIAL

There is no place I can go and leave Cullman County behind

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I have come to understand that rest is not simply a matter of distance.

I can leave town. I can change scenery. I can stand somewhere beautiful with no immediate demands in front of me and still feel the same pressure sitting in my chest. The same low hum of responsibility, the awareness that things are unfolding back home whether I am present or not.

Cullman County does not stay put when I travel. It comes with me.

I see future events before they happen, think about the coverage that will be expected the moment they begin and mentally draft preview articles, opening paragraphs and questions long before they are assigned.

I anticipate problems before they surface because experience has taught me they will. That awareness never turns off.

I left recently hoping to interrupt that cycle. Five days away, that was the plan. On the third morning, it ended. A last-minute issue. One of those situations that cannot wait, cannot be ignored and cannot be handed off. By midday, I was headed home.

The trip itself is almost beside the point. What mattered was the realization that even if it had lasted the full five days, nothing fundamental would have changed. I was not failing at rest. Rest was failing because it cannot reach something wired this deeply.

There is always something waiting. Another event that deserves attention the day it happens, an issue where silence would be easier but dishonest or another moment where someone has to speak plainly even knowing it will not be welcomed by everyone.

I write editorials to help others process what is happening around them. I believe in that work. But I also write them to keep myself from hardening.

To pull weight into the open instead of letting it settle quietly and do damage.

To admit what rarely gets said out loud – that caring at this level is exhausting and often unresolved.

I want the best for this place. For everyone in it. That instinct is real. It is also unreasonable. Communities are not tidy. Healing does not happen without discomfort. Wanting peace does not make conflict disappear. Knowing that does not lessen the toll of carrying it.

What wears you down is not disagreement or criticism. It is responsibility without closure. It is putting effort into work that matters and still watching problems linger. It is learning, over time, that doing the right thing does not guarantee relief.

I am tired of feeling tired.

Not physically. Not the kind of tired sleep fixes. This is the kind that settles in when movement stops. The kind that follows you even when you leave. The kind that waits patiently for you to admit it is not going anywhere.

And still, I stay engaged. Not because I believe everything will be fixed or that peace is waiting just ahead. I stay because disengagement would cost more than exhaustion. Because turning away would mean abandoning the very thing that shaped me.

Loving a place like this is not passive. It is not clean. It is not restful. It is a commitment that gives meaning while quietly taking its share in return.

So if there is no place I can go where Cullman County does not follow, then this is the truth I will carry honestly – that caring this deeply comes with a cost, and that cost is not something you pay once.

It is something you choose, again and again.

And tomorrow, I will choose it again.

Positions (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for multiple employment opportunities, including one full-time position and several seasonal roles ahead of the upcoming recreation season.

The department is currently looking for a full-time light equipment operator.

According to the job description, the position reports to the park director and assistant park director and involves operating and maintaining equipment used in city parks and ball field maintenance.

Responsibilities include mowing park property, setting up and lining ball fields, transporting equipment and materials, performing safety inspections and completing general maintenance tasks such as trash pickup, restroom cleaning, spraying, carpentry and basic plumbing and electrical work as needed.

Applicants for the light equipment operator position must be skilled in operating assigned equipment and hand and power tools, demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills, be able to attend required meetings and pass a drug screening.

The entry-level pay rate for the full-time light equipment operator position is $14.78 per hour.

Work hours may vary, with some overtime required and possible call-ins.

In addition to the full-time opening, the department is also hiring seasonal workers for concession stand and maintenance positions, as well as lifeguards. Seasonal employees help support parks and recreation operations during peak usage periods.

Applications for all positions may be completed in person at Hanceville City Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Additional information is available at www.facebook.com/HancevilleParksAndRecreation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, Jan. 21 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Jan. 23 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Jan. 25 – 8:15 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

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.

Men of the Covenant Men's Conference
• Sunday, March 1, from 5-7 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SW in Cullman. Men, you're invited to a powerful and timely gathering designed to strengthen your walk, sharpen your leadership and renew your commitment to Christ and your family.
• We are honored to welcome two dynamic speakers: Jason Simpson, north Alabama meteorologist and faithful deacon at Valleydale Church in Hoover; and Christopher Smith, longtime Men's Ministry Team Member at Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville.
• This evening will be filled with strong biblical teaching, real-life encouragement, worship and authentic brotherhood. Our theme is rooted in the bold declaration of Joshua: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." - Joshua 24:15
• Whether you are a husband, father, grandfather, young professional or student, this conference is for you. Be challenged to lead your home with conviction, courage and commitment. Bring a friend. Bring your son. Bring your small group. Stand as a Man of the Covenant.
• Register at www.7thstreetba12tist.com.

Renovations (from Front)

regional libraries and municipalities. The new contracts specify roles in hiring, training and operations, with the goal of having agreements in place by Oct. 1.

Members approved a contract with Select Restoration for bathroom renovations at the main library. City workers will assist with portions of the project, reducing costs by an estimated $15,000. Library officials said the facility is expected to remain open during the remodel, though public restrooms will be temporarily unavailable.

The board discussed growing attendance through programming, including STEAM Club, music classes and digital literacy courses, which have reached capacity.

Plans have been made to explore new accounting service options to improve access to real-time financial data and internal controls.

The Friends of the Library announced a membership drive scheduled for Feb. 12 from 4–6 p.m., with the usual $25 membership fee waived.

Upcoming fundraising events include Books and Brews on March 7, Picnic on the Porch during local events like the Alabama Strawberry Festival and Oktoberfest and the Storybook 5K on Oct. 24.

The next regular Cullman County Public Library Board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19, at 11 a.m. at the library, located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman.

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COUNTY TOURNAMENT

No. 1 seed West Point takes down no. 5 seed Cold Springs 79-29 to advance to JV Boys championship

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Day two of the Cullman County Tournament saw its' JV Girls no. 1 seed go down in the first game, but the no. 1 seed West Point Warriors suffered no such fate, defeating no. 5 seed Cold Springs 79-29 to earn a spot in the JV Boys championship.

The story of the game can be summed up into the first quarter, which saw the Warriors out-rebound the Eagles 12-3, and out-score them 20-0. Warriors' forward Rush Lamar traveled to Hanceville to play after competing in the MLK Invitational track and field event in Birmingham this morning, where he set a school record on his 400m dash. He showed no signs of exhaustion, fighting through defenders to grab five boards in the first, and scored on a slick turnaround jumper. His frontcourt partner, Levi Steadman, was showing early signs of dominance in the paint as well. Strong rebounding and scoring from Colton Kimbril gave the Warriors their huge lead going into the second.

While they continued having no issues scoring, Eagles' forward Jaxon Smith started finding the basket in response, scoring seven in the second quarter.

Lamar and Steadman continued dominating the paint, however, grabbing boards and creating opportunities for their backcourt. Kimbril and Steadman lays were followed by a big three from Eagle Brooks Black, who made it a 38-12 game right before the half.

Opening the third, the Warriors went on another hot streak after a quick three from the Eagles' Brooks Belcher. A whopping 23-point heater would follow from the Warriors, whose height in Steadman, physicality in Lamar and shooting touch from Kimbril were simply overwhelming.

In the fourth quarter, the Warriors' Jackson Reid emerged as a pest, stealing the ball four times in the quarter alone, taking two of them coast-to-coast for easy layups. Smith's scoring was the lone positive for the Eagles.

He scored seven in the quarter, but it wasn't enough as West Point finished off a 79-29 victory to advance.

West Point's Levi Steadman finished with 16 points, nine rebounds and a pair of blocks. Kimbril ended with 14 points, a rebound and an assist. Guard Tyce Thompson scored a smooth 12 points, as well.

For Cold Springs, Jaxon Smith led the team with 14 points, and added two rebounds and two steals.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Physical no. 5 seed Holly Pond knocks off no. 1 Fairview 39-29 to advance to JV Girls championship

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman County Basketball Tournament kicked off with a semifinal matchup between no. 5 Holly Pond and no. 1 Fairview, who got a bye in the first round. Propelled by the interior presence of forward Lilly Allbright and the relentless slashing of Mallory Hartline, the Lady Broncos held off Fairview for a 39-29 upset to advance to the JV Girls championship.

Holly Pond's physicality was on display early, with Allbright seemingly always in the right place to grab a board. She nabbed four of them in the first quarter, then tossed them over to let guard Dallas Mayfield run the offense. It got cooking early, with a pair of free throws by Hartline and a Mayfield layup to answer a Fairview bucket by Makaylee Lotero.

Closing out a low-scoring first was a deep three by the Lady Broncos' Bella Gambrill to take a 7-3 lead into the second.

The second period saw the beginning of a great all-around game from Lady Aggie Acelyn Cruce, who would sink a layup and take a couple trips to the line to combat another Gambrill three early. After Fairview pulled it to a 9-7 deficit, Holly Pond went on a hot streak, scoring eight straight on the back of Hartline's slashing. She sunk a couple lays, but when she wasn't hitting the shots, she was finding ways to draw contact and get to the line. In addition to her scoring from the floor, scored three from the line in the second. On the other end, it was all Allbright, who out-rebounded Fairview singlehandedly in the quarter to help Holly Pond take a 16-7 lead into the half.

After another free throw by Hartline opened the half, Fairview began finding their footing. Responding to an Allbright putback bucket, Emma Bryan hit a big three to pull the Aggies to just a 19-11 deficit. It was all the momentum they needed, and went into their half court press defense to put pressure on the Lady Broncos.

The tides began shifting, as Mayfield was pickpocketed three times, with all three Lady Aggie possessions resulting in scores. The defense's disruption led Fairview to a 6-0 stretch, brining them within three, only down 20-17. Holly Pond's resilience showed, calming down after a timeout.

An Allbright putback and a massive three-ball from Hartline got them back in a groove.

The fourth quarter was back-and-forth body blows, with the no. 1 seed clinging on to life. Cruce opened the quarter with a pair of floaters, the beginnings of an incredible quarter of basketball for the Fairview guard. She'd go on to score every bucket of the period for Fairview, keeping them in it until the buzzer.

On the other end, Allbright's rebounding and the Lady Broncos ball movement on offense sealed the deal in the end, with a pair of Allbright free throws closing out the massive upset of Fairview. The Lady Broncos will go on to face the winner of no. 2 Cold Springs vs no. 3 Good Hope in the JV Girls championship.

Leading Holly Pond in scoring was Hartline with 14 points. She also added, three rebounds and an assist. Allbright's big rebounding day ended with 15 boards, complemented by 12 points and a pair of steals. Gambrill scored nine and recorded an assist, and Mayfield scored just four but four rebounds, three assists, two steals and a block.

Cruce led the Lady Aggies and the game with 18 points and added four rebounds and a steal.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Buchanan's big third pushes no. 3 Good Hope to the JV Boys championship in 49-38 upset of no. 2 Fairview

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — With the game tight and the Aggies having just taken a 27-26 lead, Good Hope's star point guard, Web Buchanan, took charge. He shot down the court with the ball, side stepped a defender and nailed a deep three to get the lead back. After Fairview inbounded, he pickpocketed a ball handler, and took it coast to coast for a lay. The Aggies responded with a layup, but then Buchanan struck back, draining two straight deep-balls to extend the Raiders' lead, which they'd go on to keep for the rest of the game. Despite a great effort from Fairview in the early minutes of the fourth, Buchanan's hot streak in the third would prove the difference in the no. 3 seed Raiders' 49-38 upset of no. 2 Fairview. Good Hope advanced to the JV Boys championship, where they face a tall task in no. 1 seed West Point.

The no. 2 vs. no. 3 semifinal matchup was tight from the start, with Fairview big man Markos Vazquez going back and forth with Good Hope's Chase Boles.

Vazquez' strength in the paint earned him six points in the first, matched by Boles' six off the back of a three and and-one buckets.

With more consistent ball movement and forward Eli Drake's four first quarter rebounds, Good Hope ended the first up 12-8.

A Vazquez lay got the Aggies going in the second, where they'd find their footing on offense. Buchanan's scoring coupled with the rebounding of Jaxson Richter kept the Raiders fueled and the game close, however. Vazquez' spark was complemented by Jackson Skaggs, another big, physical forward who came off the bench and grabbed a pair of rebounds and sunk two put back baskets at the end of the second to make it a 26-25 deficit at the break.

The third saw Buchanan's scoring stretch take off and the Aggies go cold, scoring just six points in the period. Vazquez and Skaggs' size remained a factor, with both scoring a bucket each.

The defense had no answer for Buchanan, however, and the Raiders took a 38-31 lead into the fourth.

Fairview was forced into a game of catchup the entirety of the fourth, with contributions from Vazquez and guard Rowan Ibrahim keeping them afloat.

In the end, Buchanan capped off the game at the line with five free throw makes, putting the finishing touches on Good Hope's upset win.

Buchanan lead the game with 24 points, also recording two rebounds and four steals. Boles added six points and a pair of steals, and Richter finished with three points and six rebounds.

For Fairview, Vazquez ended the game with 13 points, two rebounds, a steal and two blocks. Ibrahim tacked on nine points, three rebounds and an assist.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Robinson's big second quarter helps propel Vinemont to 66-34 win over Hanceville, moves on to semifinals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The no. 2 Vinemont Lady Eagles faced off against the no. 7 Hanceville Lady Bulldogs in the first varsity girls' matchup of the tournament on Monday night. Hanceville held a slim lead after one quarter, but a huge second quarter by Vinemont gave them the lead at the half. The Lady Eagles went on cruise control after that, as they went on to roll past the Lady Bulldogs, 66-34, to move on to the semifinals.

Vinemont didn't waste any time getting on the scoreboard first, as Reagan Robinson hit a driving layup less than 10 seconds into the game. Robinson collected a steal and found Arleigh Thomason down low for the score to give the Lady Eagles an early 4-0 lead. Mattie Keith answered with a three on the other end to make it a 4-3 game, then after a pair of Caroline Miller free throws made it 6-3, Keith drained a three from the left wing to tie the game up at six. Later in the quarter, Piper Butts knocked down a three, and Kerrigon Moore added a basket in the paint to give the Lady Bulldogs an 11-8 lead. A layup by Robinson and a free throw by Vayda Yarbrough tied things up at 11, but Moore split her free throws, and Alex Twitty added two free throws of her own to put Hanceville ahead, 14-11, going into the second period.

Robinson and Miller each hit baskets down low to give Vinemont a 15-14 lead early in the second. Both teams traded leads for the next few possessions. After a Moore basket gave the Lady Bulldogs a 19-18 lead, Robinson and company took over after that, outscoring Hanceville, 18-1. Robinson scored 12 of the Lady Eagles' final 18 points of the first half, and Yarbrough's steal and layup to end the half gave Vinemont a commanding 36-20 lead going into the locker room.

The Lady Bulldogs quickly cut into the Lady Eagles' lead to start out the second half. Butts knocked down a three from the right wing, then Moore's three-point play cut it to 36-26 early in the third. Yarbrough, though, scored the next five points for Vinemont to put them ahead, 41-26. Four free throws by Twitty trimmed it to 44-30 late in the third quarter, but Thomason's three before the buzzer gave the Lady Eagles a 47-30 lead going into the final period.

Vinemont quickly widened their lead even more in the fourth quarter. Thomason scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to make it a 50-30 game. Miller buried a three, and Robinson scored six straight points to give the Lady Eagles a 59-30 lead. Jadyn Knott and Haley Millwood scored the final seven points to put the finishing touches on a 66-34 win for Vinemont, as they will move on to the semifinals.

Robinson finished with 24 points for Vinemont. Miller posted 15 points, and Thomason ended up with nine points. Piper Butts led Hanceville with nine points. Moore added eight points. Twitty finished with seven points, and Keith knocked down a pair of threes to finish with six points on the night.

Vinemont will take on the Good Hope/Holly Pond winner Friday night at 5:15 p.m.

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Holly Pond tops Good Hope 60-42 behind Allbright's big night

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — No. 4 Holly Pond defeated no. 5 Good Hope 60-42 behind a huge game from center Cade Allbright, who scored 17 points and added nine rebounds, two assists and three blocks. He capped the night off with two straight slam dunks, and will lead the Broncos into Friday's matchup with no. 1 seed Cold Springs.

Find the full story online at CullmanTribune.com

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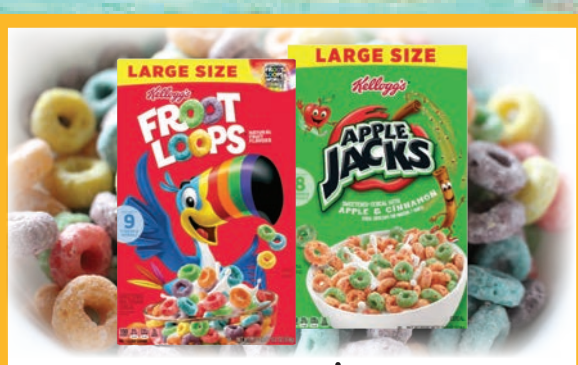
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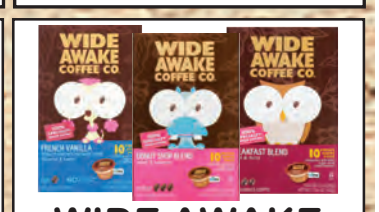
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SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Patsy's Alterations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work from the comfort of your own home doing what you love? Patsy Haywood does just that with her local business, Patsy's Alterations.

Haywood was a nurse for many years, but grew up learning the ins and outs of sewing from her grandmother.

She was ahead of her home economics class in middle school, so her teacher would set aside advanced projects for her. "The teacher showed me how to do drapes and how to alter a pattern before I cut it out," Haywood shared.

When she was in high school, she got a job doing alterations at Parisian.

"I started as a child," said Haywood. "My grandmother started teaching me when I was about 9. She was strict, but she made sure I did it right. I can still hear her voice to this day."

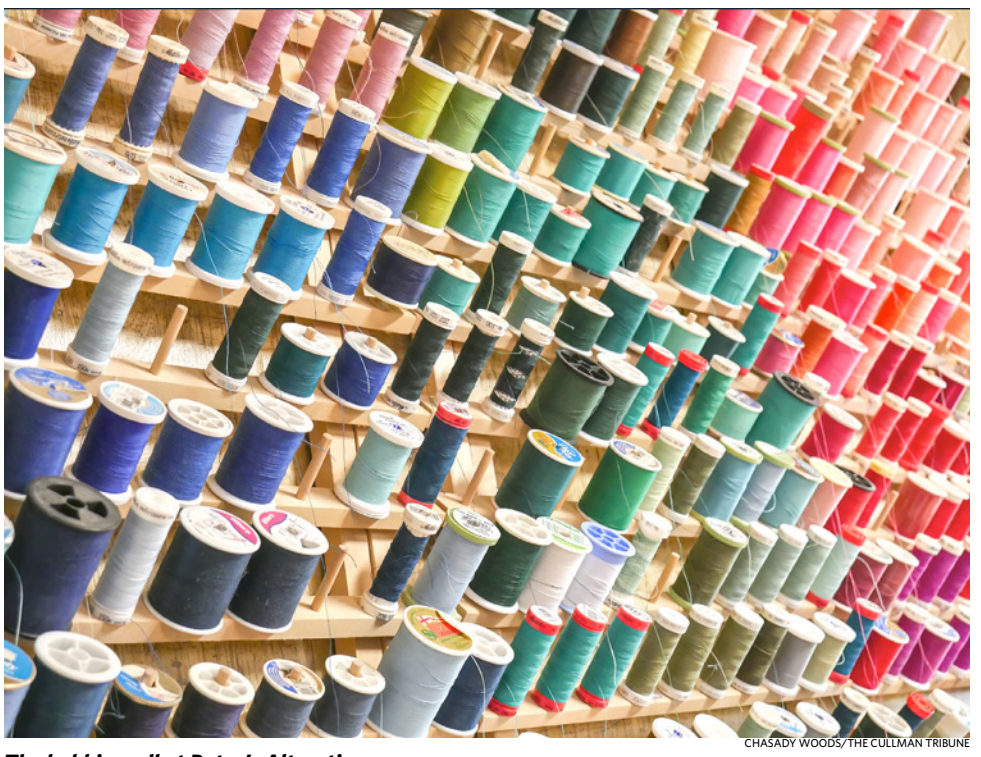
Beatrice Stricklin has passed, but lives on through Ms. Patsy's sewing, stitchery and alterations.

She's also well known for wedding and prom dresses. And with prom season approaching, appointments are booking out fast. She advises to call a month ahead of time, though the sooner, the better.

"Everyone should park in the driveway for their appointments and pickup. The City allows me to work from home, but I can't block the road," she said.

For appointments, contact 256-612-7653. Text is the preferred contact method and, per Haywood, note in the message that it is regarding an alteration appointment and she will get with you as soon as possible.

Patsy's Alterations is located at 304 Ward Ave. SW in Cullman.



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The bobbin wall at Patsy's Alterations

Local Eats: Pop's Cafe

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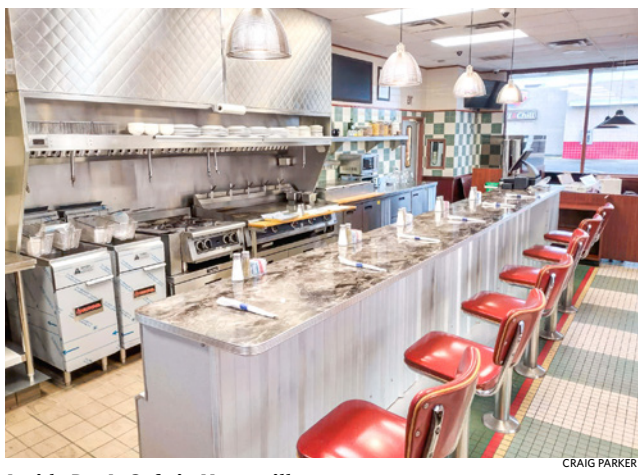
HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Are you looking for a restaurant with a "blast to the past" dining experience? How about Southern entrées that are made fresh? If you answered "yes" to either question, then Pop's Cafe in Hanceville is your next stop!

Pop's Cafe is owned by Cullman native, Craig Parker. He was born in Cullman and attended Wallace State Community College. After college, he moved away for roughly 20 years, during which he worked in the restaurant business in cities like Atlanta, Chicago and Mobile.

He opened the cafe in May 2022 in honor of his father, Joseph Andrew Parker, also known as "Pop," who was born in Hollywood, Florida and served in the National Guard there from 1948-1949. He went on to join the Air Force (1950-1960), serving in the Korean War from 1950-1953. Though Pop passed away eight years ago, his memory lives on at Pop's Cafe.

The restaurant is a tribute to Pop, but it also honors tradition. Applications for the restaurant are not posted online.

Parker said he prefers to speak with the people he hires face to face rather than to go off resumes alone. He often places ads in local papers with instructions to simply come during business hours and ask for him.



CRAIG PARKER

Inside Pop's Cafe in Hanceville

The restaurant features chrome accent countertops that were very prominent in 1950s dining. From the bold red barstool chairs to the checkered tile walls and floors, the decor is timeless mid-century American style.

When asked about popular menu items, Parker said, "For breakfast we have pancakes; people love our pancakes. Then we make waffles, omelets...which we make really fluffy. Ya know, all the traditional stuff like ham, sausage, biscuits and gravy, hashbrowns – all the traditional foods. We have meatloaf every day because customers really love it, and fried pork chops."

He continued, "We rotate chicken and dumplings, dressing, vegetable soup and other items like that. We've got a lot of elderly that come in here and they love and want fresh, home-cooked stuff."

Pop's also makes fresh cakes daily. There are usually three on display on the main bar. The most popular is the German chocolate cake, but they also rotate between strawberry, coconut, butter pecan or pound cakes.

Parker advised that they do take food requests. So if there is something you are hankering for he suggests calling to put in the request and they will get back with you regarding what day it will be served.

Pop's Café is currently open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

It recently announced new Saturday hours coming Feb. 21, 2026. There is no set time yet, but keep an eye on www.facebook.com/popscafehanceville.

Pop's Cafe is located at 814 Main St. NE, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. Get more information at 256-887-1035 or craigparker.popscafe@gmail.com.



CRAIG PARKER

Pop's Cafe Owner Craig Parker

Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo

Enjoy a selection of photos from the final day of Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo at Cullman OmniPlex on Sunday, Jan. 18. Vendors from across the state were on-hand showcasing fishing gear and products. The Expo ran Jan. 16-18.

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Notes from latest CALiCo meeting

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Literacy Council (CALiCo) met Jan. 14 to review recent activities and discuss upcoming events and priorities to expand literacy outreach in Cullman County.

The meeting marked the final formal meeting of the current school year, with planning already underway for next year.

Upcoming initiatives include increased community engagement, expanded book giveaways and participation in local events to promote literacy awareness.

CALiCo announced the presentation of its Outstanding Literacy Awards to Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Pre-K Director Kristy Harris. The awards were presented Jan. 15 after being postponed from the Alabama Literacy Association Fall Conference due to scheduling conflicts.

Members discussed participation in the Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras Parade on Feb. 14, where CALiCo plans to walk the route and distribute bookmarks and informational materials.

Future outreach opportunities such as Oktoberfest and the Cullman County Fair were also considered.

Additional priorities include securing grant funding to replenish book supplies for the annual Winter Wonderland book giveaway, encouraging elementary school book drives and supporting classroom libraries for new teachers.

Members also discussed the future rollout of a countywide literacy bus designed to provide interactive reading experiences for students.

The council also discussed potential new partnerships with The Link of Cullman County and the Cullman County Public Library to expand access to books and literacy resources.

CALiCo is the local affiliate of the Alabama Literacy Association and the International Literacy Association. All CALiCo events are open to the public.

Community members are encouraged to follow CALiCo on Facebook, attend events and consider joining the organization. Annual membership is $10.

Find CALiCo on Facebook at Facebook/Cullman Area Literacy Council.

LEGALS

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-411

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ANN RICH, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jimmy O'Neal Thomas on the 8th 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.

Jimmy O'Neal Thomas
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)
Carolyn Gail Barbee,) Case No. PC 2025-408
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Tonya Hancock as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carolyn Gail Barbee, deceased, on the 15th day of January, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Tonya Hancock
Personal Representative
Tonya Hancock

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Al 35077
256-352-2090

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHERRY LYNN CRISCOE, Deceased. * * * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-456**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Christopher Shawn Alexander, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sherry Lynn Criscoe, deceased, on the 12th day of January, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Christopher Shawn Alexander
Personal Representative

Joseph Callaway
MARSH, RICKARD, BRYAN
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC 2025-453
JOHNNY ALLRED REEVES aka *
JOHNNY A. REEVES, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
(Self-Proved Will)

TO: **JEANNIE WHITE, RACHEL WEST, RAVEN WEST, AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS**

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will) filed by Roger Burnett, Joe Butera and Daphne W. Butera, Petitioners, through Attorney John Bahakel for the Estate of Johnny Alfred Reeves aka Johnny A. Reeves. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the **19th day of March, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 15th day of January, 2026.

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

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On Tuesday February 3, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request at 701 Main Avenue SW – R-4 to B-2

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICKY WAYNE LEE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Ricky Lee Durden on the 8th 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.

Ricky Lee Durden
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA,)
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANICE RUTH WALDEN STEPHENS, who is one and the same person as JANICE RUTH DACUS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BRIAN O'NEIL WRIGHT and BRITTANY NICOLE SMITH, as Personal Representatives of the ESTATE OF JANICE RUTH WALDEN STEPHENS a/k/a JANICE RUTH DACUS, deceased, on the 2nd 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.

Brian O'Neil Wright
Personal Representative

Brittany Nicole Smith
Personal Representative

Michael E. Sparkman
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 1166
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TO: Publisher of THE 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.

DONE this 2nd day of January, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-400

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICHARD MONROE HOLCOMBE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Richard Warren Holcombe on the 8th 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.

Richard Warren Holcombe
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.F.N., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-108.05**
a minor, DOB: 04-02-2013. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

BETHANY ELLEN RIGNEY aka BETHANY ELLEN SCREWS, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on April 2, 2013, by the 17 day of February, 2026, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 6 day of January, 2025-2026

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
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Cullman, AL 35056

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ANNIE PETTIS COLEMAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Bonnie Styles on the 15th 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.

Bonnie Styles
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 RICKY ELDRID FROST, Deceased. **CASE NO:** PC 2025-444

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration, were granted to **Brittany Hyde,** Personal Representative, of the Estate of **Ricky Eldrid Frost**, on 15th day January, 2026 by the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Brittany Hyde
BRITTANY HYDE,
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to Bethany Ellison Malone, P.O. Box 740212, Tuscumbia, AL 35674.

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

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 17
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, City of Cullman, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

Property Address: County Road 1466, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Legal Descriptions:

Lot 1 - A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama {bearings and distances referenced to the State Plane Coordinate System, West Zone, NAD83 (2011) more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found railroad spike at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence run South 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East 40.00 feet along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) on the east right of way of County Road No. 1466 and the Point of Beginning; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 131.22 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run South 89 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East 375.58 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run South 00 degrees 45 minutes 20 seconds West 132.99 feet to a found 5/8" rebar on the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence run North 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds West 374.31 feet along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter back to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel contains 1.137 acres (49,532 square feet) more or less.

Lot 2 - A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama {bearings and distances referenced to the State Plane Coordinate System, West Zone, NAD83 (2011) more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found railroad spike at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence run South 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East 40.00 feet along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) on the east right of way of County Road No. 1466; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 131.22 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) and the Point of Beginning; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 131.22 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#002); thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds East 376.85 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run South 00 degrees 45 minutes 20 seconds West 132.99 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run North 89 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds West 375.58 feet back to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel contains 1.141 acres (49,700 square feet) more or less.

Lot 3 - A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama {bearings and distances referenced to the State Plane Coordinate System, West Zone, NAD83 (2011) more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found railroad spike at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence run South 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East 40.00 feet along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) on the east right of way of County Road No. 1466; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 262.44 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) and the Point of Beginning; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 536.61 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run South 89 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds East 476.31 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 488.49 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run North 89 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds West 100.73 feet to a found 5/8" rebar; thence run South 00 degrees 45 minutes 20 seconds West 49.13 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run North 89 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds West 376.85 feet back to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel contains 5.767 acres (251,195 square feet) more or less.

Lot 4 - A parcel of land situated in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, of the Huntsville Meridian, Cullman County, Alabama {bearings and distances referenced to the State Plane Coordinate System, West Zone, NAD83 (2011) more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found railroad spike at the southwest corner of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence run South 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East 40.00 feet along the south line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) on the east right of way of County Road No. 1466; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 799.05 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) and the Point of Beginning; thence run North 00 degrees 12 minutes 14 seconds East 526.52 feet along the east right of way of said County Road No. 1466 to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003) on the north line of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence run South 89 degrees 21 minutes 49 seconds East 1640.20 feet along the north line of said South Half of Southwest Quarter to a found 1/2" rebar; thence run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 36 seconds West 545.58 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence run South 00 degrees 37 minutes 36 seconds West 774.23 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on the south line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter; thence run North 89 degrees 50 minutes 53 seconds West 851.66 feet along the south line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter to a found 5/8" capped rebar (Harris); thence run North 89 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds West 197.84 feet along the south line of said South Half of the Southwest Quarter to a found 5/8" rebar; thence run North 00 degrees 45 minutes 43 seconds East 315.00 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run North 89 degrees 13 minutes 38 seconds West 109.27 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar (School CA#003); thence run North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 488.49 feet to a set 5/8" capped rebar; thence run North 89 degrees 47 minutes 46 seconds West 476.31 feet back to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel contains 40.251 acres (1,753,340 square feet) more or less.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as AG-1 Agricultural District for Lots 1, 2, and 3; and M-1 Manufacturing District for Lot 4 contingent upon the owners granting an easement up to, but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width, less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City of its franchises.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 12th day of January, 2026. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 12th day of January, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 17-19

James Leston Lee, 82

James "Jimmy" L. Lee passed away on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026. He was born on Jan. 24, 1943, to Odie and Velva Lee. Jimmy was born and raised vin Cullman, Alabama, and later made his home in Decatur, where he lived for more than 30 years. Funeral service will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and went on to work in the boat and automobile sales business. A true salesman at heart, Jimmy never met a stranger and was always ready with a good joke or a friendly conversation. Jimmy was a gifted artist and craftsman. He was a talented guitarist, painter, and wood carver, earning several awards for his carving work. He also shared his skills by teaching wood carving classes, something he greatly enjoyed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Odie and Velva Lee, and by his daughter, Christy Lee. Jimmy is survived by his children, Jamie Lee (Jennifer), Jeremy Lee, and Shellie Lee Suber (Keith); his beloved granddaughters, Anna Lee and Nola Kate Suber; his brothers, Tommy Lee (Beth) and David Lee (Sherry); and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jamie Lee, Jeremy Lee, Keith Suber, Chad Lee, Mark Aderhold and Mitchell Seymore. The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to the nurses and staff at Hanceville Nursing Home for the love, compassion, and care they gave him over the past two years.

Ruth Creel King, 72

Ruth Creel King, age 72, of Hanceville, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children, Michelle Griffin, Wade King, and Kristy Hicks; grandchildren, Alex Griffin, Joshonna (John) Kee, Tyler King; great-grandchildren, Chayton Kee, Kyla Kee, Kenyon Griffin, Kourtney Griffin, Lainey Ray, and Jolene Marie; sisters, Tena (Tom) Weaver, Barbra (Garrett) Vanhermgen, and Donna (Ricky) Bradley. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Leona Williams Creel; her husband of 48 years, Clarence Wade King; three great-grandchildren, Jaxtiin and Hastiin McDaniel, Karson Griffin, and Willow King; one son-in- law, Terry Griffin.

Norman Eugene Isbell, 66

Funeral services for Norman Eugene Isbell, 66, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Guinn's Cove Cemetery in Hayden. Bro. Junior Wolfe will officiate services. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Monday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Isbell was born on Aug. 3, 1959, in Cullman, Alabama and passed away on Jan. 16, 2026 in Cullman, Alabama. Survivors include his siblings, Charles Isbell, Brenda DeMonia, Emily White, Robert Isbell and Steve Isbell; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Isbell was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Vonda Lee Isbell, brothers, Larry and Lawrence Isbell; stepfather, Charles Isom; and nephew, Heath Isbell. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Isbell Family.

Charles 'Sonny' Nail, 83

Funeral services for Charles "Sonny" Nail, 83, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home.

Mr. Nail was born Jan. 1, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama to the late James & Wretha Nail. He passed away on Jan. 15, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama.

Mr. Nail is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Ellen Nail; children, Jennifer Hogland (Greg), Jeff Nail (Tracie); grandchildren, Hannah Brock, Jonah Hogland (Georgi), Nicholas Nail (Marissa), Nathan Nail (Sage); 4 great grandchildren; sister, Betty Duren; best friend, Rex Whitaker; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Nail was preceded in death by his parents, James & Helen Nail; sister, Edna Merle Price; and 2 great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Nicholas Nail, Jonah Hogland, Nathan Nail, Shannon Brown, Dawson McRea, and Brady McRea. Honorary pallbearers are Glynn McRea and Rex Whitaker.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Duck River Baptist Church building fund, 2755 County Road 783 Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nail family.

Dixie Nell Cheatham Hays, 84

Dixie Nell Cheatham Hays, 84, of Cullman, Alabama was born on Feb. 23, 1941, in Morgan County, Alabama, to the late Lester Cheatham and Vernice Miller Cheatham. Ms. Hays passed away on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026. Ms. Hays was a wonderful wife of sixty years to her husband and a wonderful mother to her two daughters. She loved her family unconditionally. Dixie worked at King Edward until it closed, and later at the VF Corporation Lee Distribution Center where she retired. She was a person who put other people's needs before her own, especially those dealing with sickness. Dixie was a good neighbor who considered her neighbors friends, and she loved her church family. She loved her flowers, enjoyed working in the yard, and growing vegetables in the garden with her husband. Ms. Hays is preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Hays; grandson, Austin Robertson; brothers, Max Cheatham, Clyde Cheatham, Joe Neil Cheatham, Glenn Cheatham; and sisters, Marjorie Poole, and Lila Edwards. Those surviving Ms. Hays include her children, Tammy Hopper (Dean Sticher), Angela Robertson; grandson, D.J. Robertson (Lakelee); great-grandsons, Kallyn, Banks, and Baylor Robertson; sister, Sue Easterling; and brother, Lynn Cheatham. The Hays family received guests on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services followed visitation, beginning at 2 p.m., with Bro. Randy Hays and Bro. Wendell Peterson officiating. Ms. Hays was laid to rest in Duck River Cemetery where Alan Edwards, Mike Cheatham, Scott Poole, Brian Cheatham, Mark Cheatham and Tony Cheatham served as pallbearers, with D.J. Robertson and Dean Sticher serving as honorary pallbearers. Ms. Hays obituary was provided with love by the Hays family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hays family.

Hiram 'Sonny' Brown, 86

Hiram "Sonny" Brown, a faithful, generous, hard-working, loyal, and thoughtful man, passed away on Jan. 15, 2026, at the age of 86. Born on April 26, 1939, Sonny was a beloved resident of Cullman, Alabama. In his early years, Sonny played football for Cullman High School from 1955 to 1957, showcasing his dedication and team spirit. His career was marked by his ownership of Brownies Auto Service from 1957 to 1996, and he also founded White Dove Real Estate, leaving a lasting impact on his community. Sonny was a devoted family man, who loved his family deeply and enjoyed making people laugh. His personal interests included a passion for Alabama Football, fishing, and enjoying breakfast with his friends. He was also actively involved in working with the Children's Ministry at Eastside Baptist, specifically the Bus Ministry. His commitment to his faith was evident as he served as a deacon at both Eastside Baptist Church and Northbrook Baptist Church. Sonny taught Men's Sunday School at Northbrook Baptist for many years, sharing his love for his Lord and his testimony with others. Sonny was blessed to have been able to teach Sunday School for 52 years. He became a Christian in 1968 and was dedicated to serving his faith throughout his life. Sonny is survived by his daughter, Patty (Phil) Hutchens; granddaughter, Ashlee Hutchens (Matt) Kimpel; and great-grandchildren, Caitlyn Kimpel, Travis Kimpel, and Trevor Kimpel. He is also survived by his brother, Burns Brown. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dessie Brown, and his parents, Hiram and Evelyn Benefield Brown. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, located at 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Jan. 18, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The funeral service will take place at the same location on Jan. 19, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. Sonny's legacy of faith, generosity, and dedication to his family and community will be cherished and remembered by all who knew him. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jonathan David Reid, 58

Jonathan David Reid, known to most as Jon, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Friday, Jan. 16, 2026, at the age of 58. As a youngster, Jon enjoyed the outdoors. He and his family loved to hike, camp, and backpack together. After graduating high school, Jon attended Auburn University where he made many lasting friendships before obtaining his degree from Southern Union State Community College. After graduation, Jon worked as a diagnostic tech in the automotive industry. Jon's love for people was evident in the friendships he made, and his servant heart was seen in the way he cared for those around him. Jon was quick to lend a hand to anyone who needed help. His positive outlook on life was contagious and people enjoyed being around him. Jon leaves a legacy of kindness and love that will be remembered by all who knew him. Jon is preceded in death by his father, Walter Lee Reid; infant sister, Belinda Ann Reid; paternal grandparents, Curtis and Mary Sumners Reid; and maternal grandparents, Wiley and Brooxie Lovell Gilley. Those surviving Jon include his mother, Linda Gilley Reid; brother, Dan Reid (Jolie); niece, Sadie Grace Reid; nephew, Jon Carter Reid; a host of extended family; and many dear friends. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 24, 2026, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., at Brooklyn Church. A memorial service will follow visitation, beginning at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to help with Jon's final expenses. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Reid family.

Sarah Jane Blocker, 76

Sarah Jane Blocker, age 76, passed away at her home in Spring Hill, Tennessee, on Jan. 16, 2026, surrounded by her family. Jane was born on July 12, 1949, in Cullman County Alabama, the daughter of the late Houston Columbus Barbee and Vernie Ruby Stephens - Barbee. Jane loved Christmas and took great joy in shopping for Christmas decorations. Anyone who visited her home during the holidays can attest to the care and enthusiasm she put into decorating and celebrating the season. She also loved working outdoors in her flowerbeds, and her yard was always beautifully kept. Melvin and Jane also shared a love for antiques and owned an antique store while living in Alabama. Above all else, Jane loved her family and friends and was happiest when spending time with them, especially her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Wendell and Michael Barbee and her sister Robbie Mount. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Melvin L. Blocker of Spring Hill, Tennessee; her daughters, Jennifer (Cole) Gobbell of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mandy King of Centerville, Tennessee; her grandchildren Zack King of Chicago, Illinois, and Liam King of Centerville, Tennessee; and her grand-dog Sailor of Nashville. She is also survived by her sisters, Wilma Tanner of Arab, Alabama and Jeanette (Carl) Yates of Lutz, Florida; her brothers, DeWayne Barbee of Gulf Breeze, Florida, Ed (Faye) Barbee of Joppa, Alabama, and Ronald (Margaret) Barbee of Arab, Alabama; as well as countless nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Greg Tanner, Randy Barbee, Corey Barbee, Aaron Roe, Skyler Solley and Jacob NeSmith. Honorary pallbearers will be Jackie Mount, Cole Gobbell and Liam and Zack King (unable to attend). Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday Jan. 21, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Blountsville Funeral Home with Tim NeSmith officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hebron Cemetery. Visitation will be at Blountsville Funeral Home from 12-2 p.m.

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St. Paul's (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Paul's Lutheran School will host a Spring Open House on Thursday, Feb. 5, from 5:30-7 p.m., welcoming families and members of the community who may be interested in learning more about the school and its mission.

The Spring Open House offers parents, prospective families and community members an opportunity to see daily life at St. Paul's Lutheran School, learn more about its classical Christian education model and gain insight into the school's vision for the future. Guests will be invited to walk through the building, engage with faculty and staff and experience the environment in which students learn and grow each day.

The event is designed not only for current families, but also for those considering St. Paul's for the first time. All are invited to attend!

St. Paul's Lutheran School currently serves children from age 3 through sixth grade and emphasizes academic excellence, spiritual formation and character development within a Christ-centered environment.

The Spring Open House will be held in the school gymnasium.

For more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School or the Spring Open House, please contact the school office at 256-734-6580 or visit stpaulscullman.com.

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WAS $32,275
NOW $25,990
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2026 Buick Enclave Preferred
STK# 64085
- 20" Alloy Wheels
- Blind Spot Monitor
- 2.5L Turbo Charged Engine
- Remote Entry/Remote Start



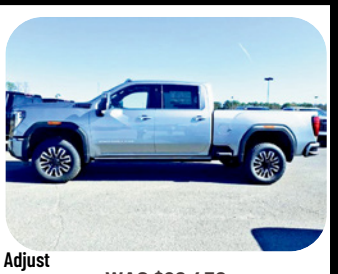
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2026 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT
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- 5.3L EcoTec3 V8 Engine
- Remote Entry/Remote Start
- Leather
- 18" 6-Spoke Machined Aluminum Wheels
- Bose Premium 7 Speaker Sound System



WAS $66,685
NOW $52,985
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STK# 68068
- 6.6L Duramax V8 Turbo Diesel Engine
- Alpine Umber Leather
- 16-Way Power Front Seats with Lumbar Adjust
- X31 Off-Road Package
- 20" Machined Aluminum Wheels
- Front /Rear Park Assist



WAS $98,430
NOW $89,930
SAVE $8,500

2026 GMC Sierra 1500 Denali Ultimate
STK# 68503
- 6.2L EcoTec3 V8 Engine
- Alpine Umber Leather
- Super Cruise
- Heads-Up Display
- Front/Rear Park Assist



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SAVE $14,513

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- Super Cruise
- 2.5L DOHC Engine
- 20" Machined Aluminum Wheels
- Leather
- Enhanced Automatic Parking Assist



WAS $61,105
NOW $55,400
SAVE $5,705

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- 1.2L EcoTec Turbo Engine
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