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City school system celebrates 5 new National Board Certified Teachers

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools welcomed five more teachers who recently achieved National Board Certification.

- Nicole Heptinstall - East Elementary School - Certification in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts-Early and Middle Childhood
- Hannah Hunt- East Elementary School - Certification in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts-Early and Middle Childhood
- Loren Heatherly - East Elementary School - Certification in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts-Early and Middle Childhood
- Tayler Davis - West Elementary School - Certification in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts-Early and Middle Childhood
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CCBOE congratulates cheerleaders



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Cold Springs



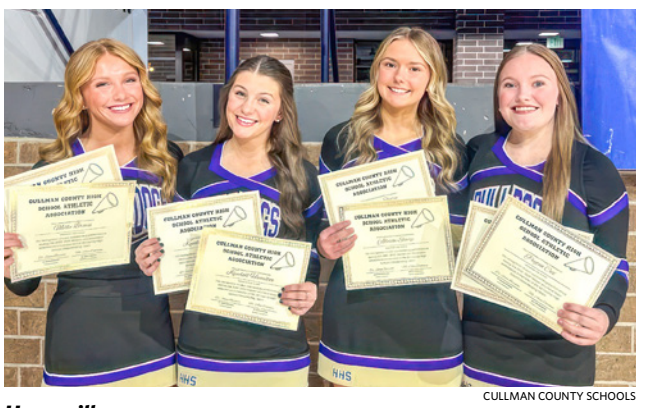
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Good Hope



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Hanceville



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Holly Pond



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Vinemont

Congratulations to the following cheerleaders for receiving All County and/or All Sideline in cheer.

- Cold Springs: Natalie Finch, Addison Kilgo, Blakelee Bartlett and Bailey Wilkerson
- Fairview: Presli Martin, Kinzey Sizemore, Cadence Daniel, Adria Allen and Savanna Calvert
- Good Hope: Sammie Johns, Kinsley Wright, Lauren Falls, Makayla Lousy and Maycie Nolen
- Hanceville: Millie Brown, Kendall Hamilton, Allison Sharp and Peyton Cox
- Holly Pond: Kalli Hamm, Blakely Baggert, Cira Thrift, Madalynn Tapscott, Briana Vela and Erin Hibbert
- Vinemont: Makenna Howard, Hanna Smith, Addison Whaley, Krimson Gingrich, Emma Hathaway, Maggie Payne, Claire Johnson and Ella Payne
- West Point: George Rojas, Auburn Burtis, Roxy Orshowski, James. Bell, Maddie Pinion, Taylor Tolbert, Emma Griggs and Eliza Ballew



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West Point

Local schools monitoring winter storm
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Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo in Cullman draws thousands from across the country

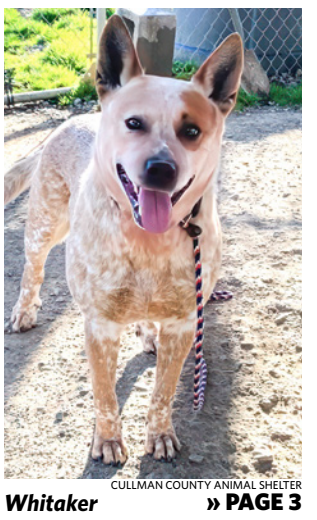


GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The inaugural Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo drew large crowds and widespread praise as anglers and outdoor enthusiasts filled the Cullman OmniPlex from Friday, Jan.16, through Sunday, Jan.18, for what organizers are calling the largest fishing expo ever held in Alabama. » PAGE 8

PET OF THE WEEK

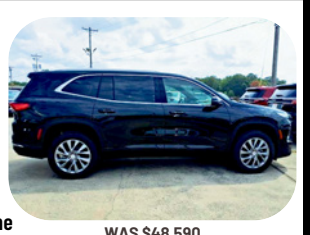
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 21

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 21, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 14
- possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 299
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 1459
- theft of property; CR 1127
- burglary; CR 1573
- menacing; Main St. NW
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; CR 1043

Jan. 15
- domestic violence; CR 1342
- harassing communications; CR 831
- harassment; Firestation Rd.
- violation of protection order; CR 18
- theft of property; CR 1309
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 62
- burglary; CR 1435

Jan. 16
- domestic violence; Edmondson Rd. NE
- assault; Hwy. 278W
- criminal mischief; Kentucky Ave. SE
- trespassing; CR 1188
- harassing communications; CR 8
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- violation of elder abuse protection order; CR 940
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 1135
- harassment; CR 1246
- burglary; CR 1866
- trespassing; theft of property; CR 138
- burglary; CR 1223

Jan. 17
- violation of protection order; CR 18
- criminal mischief; CR 775
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; interference with a domestic violence emergency call; Edmondson Rd. NE
- theft of property; CR 587
- theft of property; CR 351
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call; CR 1545

Jan. 18
- domestic violence; Megan Ln.
- domestic violence; CR 1546
- theft of property; CR 1428
- criminal mischief; CR 1488
- domestic violence; CR 1127
- possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 1579

Jan. 19
- burglary; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- domestic violence; Main St. NW
- harassing communications; CR 1428
- criminal mischief; CR 1030
- theft of property; CR 219
- harassing communications; CR 1309
- theft of property; US. 31
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1422

ARRESTS

Jan. 15-18

Acosta-Hernandez, Eduardo; 32
- driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood
- FTA – possessing forged instrument

Alaniz, Judy; 76
- permitting dogs to run at large

Bates, Victoria N.; 38
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Castophney, Serigo L.; 29
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Denney, Margaret D.; 54
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Golden, Paul M.; 48
- family offense-NS non-support-child

Griffin, Tyler D.; 29
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – open container-alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Hanna, Marshall S.; 63
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Hawkins, Brayden C.; 25
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Haynes, Kenneth M.; 61
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Higginbotham, Justin B.; 34
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Holder, Donald W.; 57
- certain person forbidden possession of a pistol
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession – opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Keenum, Elton D.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine

League, Cobie T.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McKinnon, Alan D.; 69
- criminal trespass

Metz, Bobby W.; 54
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Owens, Chad M.; 41
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Smith, Courtney J.; 19
- cruelty to dog/cat

Smith, Kenny W.; 39
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Spivey, Andrew L.; 49
- FTA – no plainly visible tag

Walker, Teresa L.; 62
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – knowing that he does not have the consent of the owner, he takes, operates, exercises control over or otherwise uses a propelled vehicle

Wallace, Ricky L.; 47
- forgery-counterfeiting
- forged instrument

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 13
- theft of property-3rd degree; Cobblestone Hotel & Suites; miscellaneous; Main Ave. SW

Jan. 16
- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $15,315
- theft of property-4th degree; person; books; $351; Ward Ave. SW

Jan. 17
- burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged window; $60; Main Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; clothing; $250; Hickory Ave. SW

Jan. 18
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Days Inn; 4th St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; Ultimate Fishing Expo; miscellaneous; Field of Miracles Dr. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; bicycle; $400; Brunner St. NW
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '16 Ford Fiesta; $6,000; 2nd Ave. NW
- harassment; person; Katie Ln. SW

Jan. 19
- identity theft; person
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Five Below; general merchandise; $521; Cullman Shopping Center

Jan. 20
- Identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Jan. 16-20

Jackson, Ethan N.; 20
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving without license

Nolan, Crystal R.; 42
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Ridgeway, Sherry D.; 55
- GJ – DUI

Brasher, Ronald A.; 42
- burglary-3rd degree
- criminal mischief-3rd degree
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Baker, Frank R.; 51
- FTA – violation of protection order
- FTA – public intoxication (6 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Acosta-Hernandez, Eduardo; 32
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – improper lights

Walker, Teresa L.; 62
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Manuel, Jacie V.; 34
- obstructing governmental operations
- resisting arrest
- assault-2nd degree (LEO)

McLeod, Destiny L.; 28
- FTA – driving while suspended

Mehok, IV, Peter J.; 29
- theft of property-3rd degree
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card

Keller, Dylan V.; 50
- theft of property-1st degree

Davenport, Christopher N.; 39
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation

Bolte, Destiny M.; 26
- retail theft of property-2nd degree
- public intoxication
- theft of property-4th degree

Atkins, Anthony M.; 43
- FTA – driving while revoked

Addison, Byron T.; 50
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempt to elude
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – certain person forbidden to possess pistol
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation

Phelps, Christy M.; 42
- criminal trespass

Harvey, Aleisha L.; 38
- obstructing governmental operations
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, Jan. 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.
• 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.

21st Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner
Monday, Feb. 16, from 4-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cullman. Dine in or carry out. The evening will feature chili prepared by Two Guys, grilled cheese sandwiches, handmade pottery bowls and a silent auction. Guests will also enjoy Southern gospel music by Brian Westbrook & the Misfits and Enell Baker. Ron Mosely Jr. of WKUL Radio 92.1 will serve as the special guest emcee. Each attendee receives a handcrafted bowl as a reminder of those facing empty bowls at home and the ongoing need for food assistance in the community. Benefits Cullman Caring for Kids. First United Methodist Church is located at 320 Third Ave. SE, Cullman. Tickets are $15 and are available at the church or Cullman Caring for Kids (402 Arnold St. NE, Suite W-1, Cullman).

Holly Pond Lions Club Annual Beans and Greens Dinner
Saturday, Feb. 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club building. Admission is by donation, with proceeds supporting community projects related to vision, hunger, diabetes, environment and childhood cancer. Additionally, we are collecting canned and nonperishable food items for the local food pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the pantry (located between town hall and the fire department) or brought to the dinner Feb. 21.

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
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Whitaker (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Whitaker is a red heeler, approximately 2 years old, with a medium to high energy level and an unusually quiet presence that sets him apart. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Whitaker carries himself with an attentive, thoughtful demeanor and is currently brushing up on his leash etiquette as he continues to learn and grow. He takes a genuine interest in the world around him, greeting people with a warm smile and a happy, wagging tail.

Whitaker notices everything, not in an anxious way, but with curiosity and calm awareness. It is easy to imagine him as a steady companion on long walks, trail hikes or quiet evenings where loyalty matters more than noise.

He is the quintessential companion and hiking buddy, the kind of dog who stays in step with you, watches your cues and seems content simply being present.

"I love his attentive demeanor," said a shelter volunteer.

Whitaker's adoption fee is $130, which helps cover his vaccinations, neuter procedure, microchip and basic veterinary care.

Visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Whitaker has already found his forever home, he has plenty of friends still waiting at the shelter, all hoping for the same chance at a family of their own.

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

"A righteous man regards the life of his animals, but the tender mercies of the wicked are only cruelty." - Proverbs 12:10

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CULLMAN COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WRAP-UP

Slick passing, Marsh's shooting the difference in no. 6 Vinemont's 57-45 upset of no. 3 Fairview

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — In the second matchup of the varsity boys bracket on Tuesday evening, the no. 3 Fairview Aggies met a feisty sixth-seeded Vinemont team in the first round of the Cullman County tournament. Vinemont took off after a third quarter run in an otherwise balanced and close game, with cross-court passes and busted defensive coverage giving the Eagles a 57-45 upset of Fairview. They'll move on to the semifinals, where they await the winner of Tuesday night's no. 2 West Point vs. no. 7 Hanceville matchup.

Opening the matchup was an electric back and forth quarter of basketball, with Vinemont playing up to their no. 3-seeded competition. Their offense's ball movement alone showed signs of future trouble for the Aggies, with backdoor cuts leading to a pair of baskets, but they were able to overcome it with a pair of threes by Ty Babb and Cai Collins.

Fairview's shots kept falling, and Vinemont kept moving the ball until they found an open man for an easy basket. One of the most tenacious guards in the county, Bryson Bush, put his skills on display.

Scoring isn't always his thing, despite being fairly good at it. Where he shines is down low, cutting into the paint and slinging it out to an open man or making crafty behind-the-back passes, or taking the shot if he's clear. He's the epicenter of the Eagles' offense, which hadn't fully hit its' stride yet, but was only trailing 13-12 at the end of the first.

With active hands on defense, as well, Bush picked off a pass and took it back for a layup to open the second quarter for the Eagles. On the other end, Fairview was still finding the bucket, with Collins hitting a three, and Babb pulling up on a swift jumper from the elbow to keep pace. Sticking with the theme of tough and even basketball, both teams went shot for shot, with Vinemont leading 25-22 after three straight makes from the charity stripe for Bush, who was fouled on a corner three attempt.

The third quarter saw Vinemont uncoil and strike, moving into a hard press defense, but leaving Sam Marsh under the bucket to receive the pass should they get a steal.

They did, often, with that one move and a few threes from Marsh fueling a 17-5 third quarter that would prove the difference in the game. While Collins did his best to keep the Aggies afloat, scoring all five of their third quarter points, the lack of secondary scoring would be the dagger, facing a steep 39-27 deficit heading into the final period.

The deficit would grow, with the fourth period starting off with Bush, who picked off a pass and made one of the standout plays of the tournament, hooking it half the length of the court to a wide open Sam Marsh, who knocked down his fifth and final three of the game.

It was an instant gut punch for the Aggies, who were looking to make the first big comeback of the tournament. They responded, however, playing their best basketball since the second. Babb took control of the offense, shooting every semi-open look he got. His ten fourth-quarter points kept the hope for a comeback alive into the final minutes, which saw Vinemont's EJ Sharpe and Marsh put the final touches on the upset win for Vinemont.

The Eagles were led in scoring by Marsh, who had a game-high 21 points along with six rebounds and a steal. Bush stuffed the stat sheet, scoring nine and grabbing three rebounds, recording two assists and blocking a shot.

For Fairview, Babb led their effort with 16 points, three rebounds, two assists and a steal, while Collins scored 14 and had three rebounds, two steals and a block.

Big second half helps propel no. 3 Good Hope to 64-43 win over no. 6 Holly Pond, advances to semifinals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Day three of the 2026 Cullman County Basketball Tournament started with a varsity girls matchup between No. 3 seed Good Hope and no. 6 seed Holly Pond. The Lady Raiders got off to a fast start to the game and led by nine after one and held the lead at the break. Good Hope stretched it out to double digits in the second half and kept Holly Pond at arm's length for the rest of the game, as they would go on to knock off Holly Pond, 64-43, to move on to the semifinals.

It was a defensive battle to start out the game. Ella Davis hit a tough jumper in the paint on Good Hope's opening possession to put them on the scoreboard first, but later in the quarter, Sadie Nail hit a basket down low to give Holly Pond a 3-2 lead with 4:41 remaining in the opening period. It was all Lady Raiders after though, as Sophie Konrad got things started with a pair of free throws, then Davis found Lexi Marshall for a layup to give them a 6-3 lead. Lucie Adams (left wing) and Konrad (right wing) each drilled a three to put them ahead, 12-3, going into the second quarter.

Both teams traded baskets and points for most of the second. Milly Huddleston drained a pair of free throws to cut the Lady Bronco deficit to nine at 18-9. Marshall knocked down a three from the left wing, and Ella Gossett added a basket in the paint to increase Good Hope's lead to 23-9. Holly Pond, though, made a late push to get back in the game, all thanks to freshman Sadie Nail and sophomore Milly Huddleston, who hit a combined four baskets down low, and Ava Thomas added a free throw to make it a 26-18 contest at the half.

Sadie Nail and Huddleston each put in a basket in the paint to cut it to 28-22 with 5:15 remaining in the third quarter. Good Hope answered with a three by Marshall from the right wing and a rebound and putback by Davis to make it a 33-22 game. Maggie Nail scored five straight points for the Lady Broncos to cut it to 36-27 late in the third. Good Hope, though, countered with a big run of their own to close out the quarter. Davis hit a basket down low, then Marshall got fouled while shooting a three and ended up hitting two of three to give the Lady Raiders a 40-27 lead. Marshall later added a steal and a basket, then Gossett knocked down a basket down low and Marshall hit a free throw to stretch Good Hope's lead to 45-29 going into the final quarter. Thomas nailed a short jumper to trim it to 46-31 early in the fourth, but Konrad and Marshall helped spearhead a 14-5 Lady Raider run with a combined four threes, as that put them ahead, 60-36. Adams hit a pair of baskets down low to put the finishing touches on a 64-43 win for Good Hope, as they will move on to the next round.

Konrad led the way for the Lady Raiders with 21 points. Marshall wasn't too far behind with 19, and Adams ended up with 12 points. For Holly Pond, Sadie Nail finished the game with 16 points, and her sister, Maggie, wasn't too far behind with 14 points.

Good Hope took on the no. 2 seed Vinemont in the semifinals on Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. Look for results at CullmanTribune.com or Saturday's edition of The Cullman Tribune.

No. 5 Cold Springs upsets no. 4-seeded Fairview 50-36 to move on to semifinals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The second varsity girls matchup of the night saw the No. 4 seed Fairview Lady Aggies take on the no. 5 seed Cold Springs Lady Eagles. Cold Springs got out to a quick lead after one, but a big second quarter by Fairview cut it to two at the half. The Lady Eagles would outscore the Lady Aggies, 27-15, in the second half en route to a 50-36 win over Fairview, as they will move on to the semifinals.

Ella Dickerson knocked down a basket down low on Cold Springs' opening possession of the game. On their next possession, Dickerson found Kaydance Williams down low for a basket to give the Lady Eagles an early 4-0 lead. Whitney Quick drained a three from the left wing to cut it to 4-3, but Cold Springs turned up the pressure after that. Macie Huffstutler gathered up the offensive rebound and put it in, then baskets in the paint by Williams and Hollyn Bruer gave the Lady Eagles a 10-3 lead. Dickerson's rebound and putback made it 13-3 late in the first. Maci Gregory drilled a three from the left wing and Darby Nichols added a free throw to trim the Fairview deficit to five at 13-7. Bruer found a cutting Dickerson down low for a basket and a foul. Dickerson drilled the free throw to put Cold Springs ahead, 16-7, and later added two more from the charity stripe to give them an 18-9 lead going into the second.

The Lady Aggies cut into the Lady Eagles' lead to start out the second quarter. Emma Bryan drove down the lane and dropped in a floater to cut it to 18-11 early in the second.

Later in the quarter, Quick drained her second three of the game, and Kaitlyn Redding drove to the lane and laid it in to make it a 20-17 game. Paizley Whitlow banked in a three from the left wing to put Cold Springs ahead, 23-17, late in the second. Free throws by Quick and Bryan cut it to four, and a driving layup by Redding trimmed it to just two at 23-21 at the half.

Bruer muscled in a tough basket down low to give the Lady Eagles a 25-21 lead early in the third. Later in the quarter, Whitlow buried a three from the left corner to stretch Cold Springs' lead to 28-21. Redding put in a pair of baskets down low, and Quick drained a three to cut it to 30-28. Five straight points by Aleah Addison put the Lady Eagles up, 35-29, late in the third. Addison later drained another three from the left corner to give Cold Springs a 39-29 lead going into the final period.

The Lady Eagles added to their lead in the fourth quarter. Dickerson knocked down a basket down low, then later in the quarter, a technical foul was called on Fairview head coach Chris Nichols, and Dickerson knocked down both free throws to make it a 44-30 game. Another basket by Dickerson made it 47-30. Four straight points by Bryan cut it to 47-34, but free throws by Dickerson and Bruer helped put the finishing touches on a 50-36 win for Cold Springs, as they will advance to the semifinals.

Dickerson finished with a game-high 20 points for the Lady Eagles, and Addison ended up with eight points. For Fairview, Redding and Quick each finished with 10 points on the night, and Bryan put in nine points.

Cold Springs took on top-seeded West Point in the semi-final round on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Threes rain as no. 2 West Point defeats no. 7 Hanceville 68-47

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Closing out day three of the Cullman County Basketball Tournament, the two-seeded West Point Warriors took on the seven-seed Hanceville Bulldogs in the final game of round one. With a semifinal spot on the line, the Warriors got off to a hot start from deep to build a lead, then took off in the second half, knocking the Bulldogs off, 68-47.

6-5 Warriors' forward Jaxon Shelton established himself as soon as the game tipped off, getting the ball down low for a hook to open the scoring. After a responding layup by Hanceville's Nick Davis, the big man made it clear he'd be a matchup nightmare, showing off his ball handling skills, pump faking a three, driving to the rack then swinging the ball out to Graph Byram for a three. After rebounding a missed Bulldog shot, he drove the ball down the court to Byram, who drained another deep ball. Hanceville responded, with Drake Bentley draining his own three, which gave the Bulldog crowd some juice, which was quickly taken away by a three from Kade Vincent. It would be the story of the night, as Hanceville had to attempt to play catch up from the jump after the Warriors' came out on a heater. They'd hit four from beyond the arc, three of them belonging to Byram, to help pad a 23-14 lead after the first quarter.

It didn't slow down there, either. To open the second, Shelton showed off his scoring range, hitting a three from the wing. Then, Vincent hit a three, then Shelton hit another after a smooth jumper on the prior possession, then Byram drained his fourth to cap off a 14-point scoring streak that put the Warriors up 37-14 early in the second. Needing a response, and quick, the Bulldogs looked to Sam Abney, one of the best shooters in the county, and he delivered with a deep three from the top of the key, his second of the night. Though Hanceville closed the quarter on a 10-2 run, the hole had been dug, and they still trailed 39-24 going into the break.

The third quarter saw Warrior forward Nolan Franklin gaining traction, stealing a ball and going coast to coast for a layup, then taking it to the rack again on the next possession. After an additional pair of West Point baskets from Shelton and forward Maddox Chapman made it a 48-25 lead, Bulldog guard Kade Schulz attempted a takeover. Off the back of a Warrior miss, the ball ended up in Schulz' hands, who nailed a three from the left wing.

On the next possession, he did the same, and the one after that? You guessed it. The heater continued, but from the right side this time. A timeout was called by a frustrated Warriors' head coach Mason Voce, after a 23-point lead had shrunk to 14 in a matter of seconds and three strokes of a wrist. Out of the timeout, Franklin took control back for West Point, hitting a pair of buckets and a free throw for the Warriors, who maintained a big 55-36 point lead heading into the final frame.

With desperation growing for the Bulldogs, who needed quick points, they went to Abney, who was cold from deep, a rare occasion. It was to the advantage of the Warriors, who, behind a streak including another deep ball from Shelton and a pair of layups from Franklin midway through the period, went on to finish off Hanceville, 68-47. The Warriors moved on to the semifinals, taking on no. 6 seed Vinemont on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m for a spot in the championship.

Leading the Warriors, Shelton scored 19 points, five rebounds and a trio of assists. Franklin landed right behind him with 18 points, and threw in six rebounds, an assist, two steals and a block. While he didn't score outside of his four first quarter threes, Byram still ended the game with 12 points, two rebounds, an assist and a steal.

Hanceville was led by Abney with 10 points, four rebounds and two assists, followed by Schulz' nine points from his three-point heater in the third.

Faulkner twins, Shadix combine for 55 points in no. 1 West Point's 70-29 rout of no. 5 Cold Springs

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The first varsity girls semifinal game took place on Wednesday, as the top-seeded West Point Lady Warriors faced off against the fifth-seeded Cold Springs Lady Eagles with a spot in the county championship game on the line. West Point got out to a quick lead and controlled the game after the first quarter, and behind the trio of Jaelyn and Camryn Faulkner and Laklin Shadix and a smothering defense, the Lady Warriors ended up routing the Lady Eagles, 70-29, to move on to the championship game.

Macie Huffstutler found Hollyn Bruer over the middle for a layup to give Cold Springs the early lead, but Jaelyn and Camryn Faulkner quickly got West Point going offensively, scoring their first eight points of the game to give them an 8-2 lead.

Kealie Harbison drilled a pair of free throws, then later in the quarter, a rebound and putback by Laklin Shadix stretched the Lady Warrior lead to 12-2 more than midway through the opening quarter. Huffstutler put in a basket down low, then Bruer added a couple of baskets of her own in the paint to cut it to 15-8 going into the second.

A pair of baskets by Camryn Faulkner and one by Caitlee Simmons put West Point ahead, 21-8, early in the second quarter.

Aleah Addison drained four straight free throws to trim the Lady Eagle deficit to 11 at 23-12, but the Lady Warriors quickly turned up the pressure on both sides of the ball. It all started with a rebound and a putback by Simmons, then Jaelyn Faulkner followed that up with a steal and a layup to make it a 27-12 game.

Shadix started to catch fire offensively, scoring the Lady Warriors' next seven points to give them a commanding 34-15 lead. Jaelyn Faulkner's basket down low made it a 36-15 contest at the half. The trio of Jaelyn and Camryn Faulkner, and Laklin Shadix combined to score 30 of West Point's 36 points in the first half.

Shadix continued her strong game in the post, as she hit another basket down low to give West Point a 38-16 lead early in the third. Paizley Whitlow drilled a three to cut it to 38-20.

Jaelyn and Camryn Faulkner and company took over for not only the rest of the quarter, but the rest of the game. Jaelyn Faulkner scored the Lady Warriors' next seven points to widen their lead to 45-22. Baskets by Harbison and Jaelyn Faulkner made it a 49-22 game, then a Shadix three-point gave West Point a 52-24 lead. Chloe Hale hit a free throw, Patton Fell knocked down two from the free throw line, and a steal and a layup by Jaelyn Faulkner gave the Lady Warriors a commanding 59-28 lead going into the final quarter.

Camryn Faulkner took over to start out the fourth, scoring West Point's first seven points of the quarter to give them a 66-28 lead. A rebound and putback by Harbison and a short jumper by Hale put the finishing touches on a 70-29 win for the Lady Warriors, as they will be moving on to the county championship game on Saturday.

Jaelyn Faulkner finished with a game-high 20 points for West Point. Her sister, Camryn Faulkner, wasn't too far behind with 19 points, and Shadix posted 16 points. For Cold Springs, Bruer and Addison each finished with seven points in the game, while Kaydance Williams and Whitlow each added five points.

The Lady Warriors will face the Vinemont/Good Hope winner on Friday night at 5 p.m.

Visit CullmanTribune.com for the rest of Wednesday night's action, or pick up a copy of the Saturday issue of The Cullman Tribune.

Cullman County Schools monitoring weather as storm system approaches

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said the district is closely monitoring weather conditions as a major storm system approaches north Alabama, but at this time no early dismissal is planned for Friday.

He said current forecasts indicate the most significant weather is expected to arrive later Friday night or early Saturday.

"As of right now, based on the information given to me we will not be releasing early on Friday. We expect the potential bad weather to arrive much later into the night or early Saturday," Barnette said.

District officials are continuing to evaluate multiple weather models while considering transportation concerns, particularly for students who live in rural areas or travel long distances.

"Our transportation director and I take into consideration several forecasts and the recommendations from the NWS and our local EMA office," Barnette said.

"While we always discuss these forecasts, when there is doubt that we can keep all of our students, faculty and staff safe, we make changes to increase those odds. Student, faculty and staff safety always comes first."

Barnette said decisions on potential school closures are made once forecasts and recommendations become more certain. District leadership has prepared multiple contingency plans in advance to allow flexibility based on how conditions develop.

"Once the recommendations and forecasts seem to be imminent, we make a final determination of which plan to follow," he said.

"Leading up to that, we usually create several scenarios or what-ifs that we can choose from based on the circumstances that we are faced with."

Families should not expect a decision on possible closures for Monday or Tuesday until later in the weekend.

"A decision for Monday and Tuesday will most likely not be made until late Saturday or Sunday," Barnette said.

"However, depending on what weather hits Cullman on Saturday and Sunday most people will begin to make arrangements because I believe everyone knows that I will make the best decision to keep everyone safe."

The school system is coordinating closely with emergency management and weather officials as the storm system moves closer.

"We are blessed to have a wonderful local EMA team, led by Tim Sartin, who has a heart to keep people safe," Barnette said. "When we have the threat for storms or other emergency situations Tim and I usually talk on a daily basis. We all participate in conference calls with the NWS twice a day leading up to this event also."

If school days are missed due to weather, Barnette said decisions regarding instructional time and possible makeup days will be addressed after students return.

"If we miss any days, those decisions will be discussed after we return," he said.

"We will take into consideration how many days we miss and whether there is a State of Emergency declared by the governor. Many factors go into those decisions but we will always make the decision that is best for our students."

Barnette encouraged parents and guardians to focus first on safety and preparedness while staying alert for district communications.

"If we get the weather that is being predicted for our area, more than anything I want our families to make plans to keep their loved ones safe and warm during this event," he said.

"We will communicate our plans in several ways, including all-calls and social media. We will also give as much notice as possible. The most important thing at this point is for everyone to stay safe."

Cullman City Schools monitoring winter storm; decision on Monday and Tuesday classes expected Sunday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools officials are closely monitoring weather conditions ahead of an approaching winter storm as administrators evaluate potential impacts to student safety, transportation and school operations.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said school leaders are working with local and state partners while tracking conditions that could affect campuses and travel routes. The system has already taken preliminary action by canceling all school-sponsored activities beginning Friday evening and continuing through the weekend.

"Last night at our Board meeting, we announced that all school sponsored activities are canceled effective Friday evening through the weekend," Kallhoff said. "Our schools are communicating to students and families on when those activities will be made up or rescheduled."

As conditions develop, Kallhoff said safety indicators are the primary factor guiding any decisions related to early dismissal or school closures.

"In addition to local and statewide media sources, we communicate with the National Weather Service and Cullman EMA when working through weather-related issues," he said. "We focus on any indicators that would impact the safety of our students, employees and families on our campuses or on the route to and from our campuses."

Road conditions and on-campus accessibility are central to that evaluation process.

"In addition to functioning utilities at our schools, ice on area roads and walking areas on each of our campuses are the main indicators that drive our decisions," Kallhoff said.

City infrastructure and student transportation are also factored into the assessment as administrators consider both morning and afternoon travel conditions.

A decision regarding classes for Monday and Tuesday is expected by Sunday afternoon, according to Kallhoff. Families and employees will be notified through multiple channels once a determination is made.

"We will make a call regarding classes for Monday and Tuesday by Sunday afternoon," he said.

"In addition to local media sources like The Cullman Tribune and social media, we will utilize our mass communication system to notify employees and families via phone call, text and email."

Kallhoff said the school system is working closely with multiple agencies as the weather event unfolds.

"With all weather events, we work extremely closely with the National Weather Service, Cullman County EMA, Cullman City Police Department, the mayor's office and our partners with the Cullman County BOE," he said.

If instructional days are missed due to weather-related closures, Kallhoff said the response will depend on the length of the disruption and any state-level emergency declarations.

"This will depend on the duration of the cancellation," he said. "If the governor declares a State of Emergency, then missed instructional days are easier to be forgiven by the Alabama State Department of Education."

He said shorter closures may be absorbed into the existing academic calendar, while longer interruptions could require alternative instructional plans.

"If we only miss a couple of instructional days, then we will work to catch up missed content embedded in our remaining academic calendar days," Kallhoff said.

"If a substantial amount of instructional time is missed, then we will have to create a plan to catch up either virtually or by adding instructional days before the end of the 2025-2026 school year."

Any adjustments, he said, would require formal review.

"In any of these scenarios, we will submit a plan to our local School Board and the Alabama State Department of Education for review and approval," Kallhoff said.

Cullman City Schools officials encourage families to continue monitoring official communication channels as weather conditions evolve.







Obituary Announcements: Jan. 20-21

Cecil Henry Smith, 83
Cecil Henry Smith, a hard-working and dedicated individual, passed away on Jan. 17, 2026, at the age of 83. Born on Dec. 24, 1942, Cecil spent his younger years in the state of Missouri and eventually settled in Wisconsin. Cecil and his wife moved from Wisconsin to Cullman, Alabama, in 2023. They lived at Woodland Village Nursing Home. All of the staff loved him for his sense of humor and personality. Cecil is survived by his beloved wife of over 60 years, Opal Smith. He was a caring father to Charles (Vicki) and Dale (Paulette) and his amplest joys came from spending time with his grandchildren, DJ, Brittany (Dan), Shelby, Tyler, and Sean. He also leaves behind cherished memories among his siblings. He was predeceased by his son Buddy C. Smith, as well as by his father, Cecil Osborne Smith, and his mother, Mary Smith, and siblings. Apart from his family, Cecil had a passion for fishing, NASCAR and Alabama Football, as well as a broad love for sports. His interests brought joy and camaraderie into his life and enhanced his connection with the community he loved. Cecil Henry Smith will be dearly remembered by all who knew him, and his legacy will forever remain in the memories and hearts of his family and friends. Cecil's family is abiding by his wishes, therefore, there will not be any funeral services.

Jeremy Daniel Friedrich, 47
Jeremy Daniel Friedrich, age 47 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, at his residence. He was born on Sept. 18, 1978, in Cullman, Alabama to Daniel and Donna Schafer Friedrich. Jeremey is survived by his wife, Virginia Friedrich; stepchildren, Tom Rouse, Sandra (Chris) Rouse, Curtis (Sarah) Womack and Nancy (Matthew) Junkins; his parents, Daniel and Donna Friedrick; a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Walt (Betty) Schafer and Leo (Annie) Friedrich. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date and time. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Donald Ray 'Donnie' Allison, 79
Donald Ray "Donnie" Allison May 14, 1946 - January 18, 2026 Donnie, or lovingly known as "Donnie Ray", passed away peacefully at home, Jan. 18, surrounded by those he loved most. Born on May 14, 1946, in Carbon Hill, Alabama, Donnie was the youngest of ten children. He graduated from Carbon Hill High school in 1964, where his love of athletics began. He went on to play college basketball at the former Florence State College now known as University of North Alabama. While attending Walker College, Donnie Ray met the love of his life, Diane Newsome. The two were soon married, beginning a lifelong partnership rooted in faith, hard work, and devotion to family. Donnie Ray later completed his teaching degree at the University of Alabama, and spent one year coaching at Cordova High School. He and Diane eventually moved to Arley, where he learned dairy farming with the guidance of his father-in-law. He often joked that he had "dairy farmer's luck," girl babies and bull calves. Through perseverance and dedication, he became a successful dairyman, and together Donnie and Diane were honored as Alabama's Outstanding Young Dairy Farm Family. While continuing his work in farming, Don began a GEHL dealership in 1972. What began as a small office inside a dairy barn, grew into Don Allison Equipment, Inc., a business that proudly serves farmers throughout the Southeast. His leadership earned him the opportunity to serve multiple terms on the Gehl dealer council. Over the years he was recognized as a top dealer by several manufacturers including Gehl, Jay-Lor, SI Feeders, and Claas. During the 1990's, Don served as the Arley representative for the Winston County school board. He also served on the Winston County tax equalization board for 20 years. His commitment to agriculture and community continued as he later served as president of the Winston County Farmers Federation, and was honored to serve on the Alabama Farmers Federation state board for several years. Don was a faithful and active member of Arley Methodist Church for 53 years and Flat Rock Global Methodist church for four years. He was preceded in death by his parents Lacy Bowman and Nettie Ola Allison. Siblings; Elbert Allison, Mildred Jackson, Carlos Allison, Charles Allison, Frank Allison, Earl Allison, Bill John Allison, and Lacy Allison. He is survived by wife of 57 years Diane Allison; Daughters, Angie (Shawn) Abercrombie, MaLea (Chris) Ergle; Grandchildren, Loren Hancock, John Mark (Abbie) Abercrombie, Lydia (Avery) Miller; Great-Grandchildren; Everly, Jack and Anna Claire Abercrombie and Sam and Theo Hancock. Sister, Marie Prestridge, and a host of nieces and nephews. Don will be remembered for his work ethic, quick wit, and deep love of family and community. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the family he cherished. Funeral services for Donald Ray "Donnie" Allison, 79, of Arley, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Brother Paul Campbell will officiate, with private interment at Arley Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to either Meek High School Athletics department, or Eldridge Children's Home Christmas Fund.

Beverly Ann Morgan, 69
Visitation for Beverly Ann Morgan, age 69 of Cullman, will be from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Miss Morgan passed away on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born in Nashville, Tennessee, Feb. 7, 1956, to Eugene Morgan and Norma Garner. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Venus Allen and daughter, Summer Mullet. Survivors include her daughter, Debbie Thiot (Rick); grandchildren, Stephanie McClendon, Jasmine Hyde (Wes), Laura Mullet & Lauren Thiot; 5 great grandchildren, Talyn, Jasper, Liam, Xavier and Bellamy and sister, Vicky Sims. Burial at a later date at O'Dear Cemetery, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Thomas Cody Southeard, 40
Funeral services for Cody Southeard of Cullman, Alabama will be Thursday, Jan. 22, at noon at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m. Reverend Mark Long will officiate. Cody was born Aug. 31, 1985, in Huntsville, Alabama to Richard and Vicki Southeard. Cody loved spending time with his two children, Remi and Boone. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He worked as a supervisor at Royal Technologies. He graduated from Cullman High School in 2003 and was part of the baseball team for years. He was a good son, brother, father, and man to all those that knew him. He could always be counted on when you needed a friend. He passed away peacefully at the age of 40. He is survived by his parents, Richard and Vicki Southeard; children, Remi and Boone; brother and sisters, Zach (Laura), Anna, and Abby; sister-in-law, Ashley; nephews, Jalyn and Carter; grandparents, Wydene Southeard, and John and Kathy Atkins; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Richard Southeard Sr. and Louise Temples; and also big brother, Richard McClintock.

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

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

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

RICKY MYREX and CINDY MYREX
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Berlin (from Front)

Chasady Woods
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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Town Council at its meeting Monday, Jan. 19, welcomed Cullman County Sheriff's Office Deputy Cheryl Hawkins, who answered questions regarding the installation of a Flock Safety camera near Welcome Mini Storage at 5945 County Road 747.

Councilman Keith Hardman stated he heard these types of cameras allegedly allow users to sell whatever data they collect.

Clark advised that isn't the case, and the camera is not live. She explained that, for example, if your tag is in their system associated with human trafficking or a stolen vehicle, then the camera will scan it and notify local authorities.

It is unclear exactly which type of Flock camera is at the location, but according to the Flock Safety website, "ALPRs (automatic license plate readers) take a point-in-time image of the rear of vehicles on public roadways. Any images not used for an investigation are deleted." And, "Customers own 100% of their data. Flock does not sell it. Only customers (police, neighborhoods, or businesses) decide who to share data with. Data is deleted after the retention period." See more at www.flocksafety.com/privacy-ethics.

Next, Mayor Patrick Bates readdressed the Rebuild Alabama annual report and bid. He had recently proposed a modification budget to have farmers market parking lot expenses combined with road repair expenses.

Discussion took place about whether these should be separate bids or if it should remain as is. The council agreed to let it remain combined as one bid. Though Bates advised the council would need to get with the engineer to double check that combining the bids is acceptable.

Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery advised that the farmers market plaque needed approval. The plaque is 16x24 inches and will cost $2,349.50. Hardman motioned to approve, and Donald Gunter seconded.

The Town is looking for a lawncare company to assist with mowing, bush hogging and cleaning.

"These can be bidded on as a package deal, or by line item," Montgomery stated.

Interested parties should contact Montgomery at 256-736-3138 or clerk@berlinal.gov.

The next Berlin Town Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Randall McGraw, A married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, its successors and assigns dated November 21, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on December 16, 2024 in Deed Book 2106, Page 457 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2147, Page 650 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial, 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 26, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 2 West; thence S 0° 30' 00" E 218.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set and the point of beginning; thence N 89° 21' 50" E 79.29 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set; thence N 1° 08' 15" E 200.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set on the south R.O.W. of County Road No. 641; thence S 88° 59' 24" E 102.45 feet along said R.O.W. to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set on the west side of a gravel drive; thence S 14° 52' 04" E 104.64 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set on the west side of said gravel drive; thence S 12° 16' 09" E 103.40 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set on the west side of said gravel drive; thence S 12° 37' 53" W 100.54 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set on the west side of said gravel drive; thence S 26° 08' 00" W 472.10 feet along the west side of said gravel drive to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set; thence N 0° 30' 00" W 525.11 feet back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama. Description according to survey of James W. Baldy, AL PLS 11845, dated November 23, 2011.

Said property is commonly known as **200 County Road 641, Hanceville, AL 35077**.

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

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

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

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.

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

DAVID ALLAN MORTON
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Wanda Jo Creel
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JACK HULLETT STRICKLIN, * CASE NO.: PC2025-461
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KATHY STRICKLIN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JACK HULLETT STRICKLIN, deceased, on the 16th 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.

KATHY STRICKLIN
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 16th day of January, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

MATTHEW JOHNSON
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ALDOT, ALEA preparing for potential winter weather this weekend

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) are preparing for potential winter weather this weekend.

From ALDOT

ALDDOT is actively preparing for a potentially high impact winter weather event this coming weekend. Hazardous conditions, including snow and ice, are expected to develop, and ALDOT is monitoring forecasts and coordinating with our partners in an effort to prepare and respond as effectively as possible.

While forecasts are constantly evolving, this winter storm is expected to bring snow and ice in the form of freezing rain and sleet across much of the northern half of Alabama, with the heaviest snowfall currently expected north of the Tennessee River.

Here's what you need to know about ALDOT's preparations and how you can stay safe:

ALDOT's winter weather preparations

• Monitoring conditions: ALDOT personnel are actively tracking weather forecasts and roadway conditions, particularly in areas expected to experience the most severe winter weather impacts.

• Pretreatment plans: Depending on conditions, crews may pretreat roads to minimize ice formation. It is important to note that this is highly dependent on whether rain precedes or accompanies the wintry precipitation, as rain can wash away pretreatment materials.

• Prioritizing roads: ALDOT prioritizes bridges and interstate highways first, followed by U.S. and state highways based on traffic volume.

Tips for motorists

ALDOT urges motorists to take extra precautions when driving in winter weather conditions. Here are some important safety tips:

• Avoid travel until conditions improve: Once winter precipitation begins, ALDOT urges motorists to avoid travel during adverse weather and roadway conditions.

• Slow down: If travel cannot be avoided, reduce your speed and increase your following distance, allowing extra room to stop. Plan additional travel time to reach your destination.

• Be aware of black ice: Bridges and overpasses are particularly susceptible to black ice, which is a clear layer of ice that is not visible to drivers.

• Avoid sudden braking and steering: These actions can cause your vehicle to lose control.

• Turn on your headlights: This will make your vehicle more visible to other drivers.

• Avoid using cruise control on icy roads: This can cause you to lose control of your vehicle if you hydroplane.

• Watch for workers: Be aware of emergency personnel and crews treating and clearing roadways.

• Move crashed vehicles: In the event of a minor crash, safely move vehicles off the roadway if possible to maintain access for first responders and treatment crews. Do not abandon vehicles in travel lanes.

Stay informed

Motorists are encouraged to stay informed about road conditions.

Visit ALDOTNews.com, ALGOTraffic.com or download the ALGO Traffic app, as well as follow ALGO Traffic on X (formerly Twitter) and ALDOT on Facebook. Follow regional operation accounts on Facebook and X for more local information:

• ALDOT North Region Facebook, X (formerly Twitter): (Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan counties)

• ALDOT West Central Region Facebook, X (formerly Twitter): (Bibb, Chilton, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Walker and Winston counties)

• ALDOT East Central Region Facebook, X (formerly Twitter): (Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Jefferson, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega and Tallapoosa counties)

• ALDOT Southeast Region Facebook, X (formerly Twitter): (Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Dallas, Elmore, Henry, Houston, Geneva, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Pike and Russell counties)

• ALDOT Southwest Region Facebook, X (formerly Twitter): (Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Washington and Wilcox counties)

Meanwhile, ALEA is urging Alabamians to prepare for black ice, slick roads as potential winter weather approaches this weekend.

With the potential for winter weather impacts across Alabama this weekend, ALEA is urging motorists statewide to prepare now and remain alert for hazardous road conditions, including black ice and slick roadways, as forecasts continue to evolve.

While exact impacts may shift before the weekend, freezing temperatures combined with rain or moisture could create dangerous driving conditions for several days beginning on Friday, Jan. 23 in the northern portion of the state, before expanding to other areas.

"Black ice is one of the most dangerous hazards drivers face because it's often invisible," said ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor.

"Roads may look wet but can be slick in an instant, especially overnight and during early morning hours.

"Preparing now and adjusting travel plans, in addition to practicing safe driving behaviors, can prevent serious crashes."

ALEA encourages motorists to take time now to prepare their vehicles and emergency supplies before conditions deteriorate, including:

• Keep your gas tank full.

• Pack an emergency supply kit with a blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit and basic necessities.

• Carry a fully charged cell phone and a vehicle charger.

• Check antifreeze levels, tires and overall vehicle condition before the weather arrives.

• Use windshield washer fluid rated for freezing temperatures.

Drivers should also understand that hazardous conditions are not limited to snow-covered roads.

"In Central and South Alabama, rain combined with freezing temperatures can create slick roadways just as dangerous as ice or snow," said Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS), Colonel Jonathan Archer. "Bridges, overpasses, shaded areas and elevated roadways can freeze quickly, turning a routine drive into a serious risk."

ALEA reminds motorists of the following driving safety tips for winter, wet and slick conditions:

• Avoid travel when hazardous conditions develop, if possible.

• Slow down and increase following distance on wet, icy or slick roads.

• Avoid using cruise control or Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) such as adaptive cruise control, lane keeping assist, blind spot monitoring and traffic jam assist in rain, freezing temperatures or icy conditions.

• Use extreme caution on bridges and overpasses, which freeze before other roadways.

• Be alert for changing conditions, especially overnight and early morning.

• Turn on headlights during rain or reduced visibility and remain alert for emergency vehicles and first responders.

ALEA will be closely monitoring roadway conditions and coordinating with partner agencies, including the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), and the Alabama National Guard (ALNG) as conditions develop across the state.

Motorists are encouraged to check current road conditions at algotraffic.com and to follow ALEA on social media (@ALEAProtects) for the latest updates.

ALEA's platforms provide timely information directly from ALEA Troopers on the ground, Public Communications Officers (PCOs) and emergency management partners regarding road conditions, closures and safety advisories.

"When conditions change quickly, getting information from trusted sources matters," Taylor added.

"Resources such as ALGO Traffic and our Agency's social media channels help ensure citizens receive real-time updates from those responding in the field."

ALEA will continue to work with media partners to share updates and safety information as forecasts are refined.

Expo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The inaugural Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo drew large crowds and widespread praise as anglers and outdoor enthusiasts filled the Cullman OmniPlex from Friday, Jan.16, through Sunday, Jan.18, for what organizers are calling the largest fishing expo ever held in Alabama.

Vendors from across the country shared positive feedback following the three-day event. In a Facebook comment following the event, Pourman Lures, a Texas-based vendor, complimented both the turnout and the organization of the expo.

"As a vendor from Texas, we were extremely happy with the crowd and how great everyone was," the company shared.

"The compliments were all positive on our baits and the show. Jeff and his crew did an awesome job putting this show together and running it.

"For their first one, I think they knocked it out of the park. We are definitely coming back to Alabama."

According to event organizer Jeff Shelton, approximately 8,000 people attended the expo, traveling from as far away as Indiana, Ohio, Texas, Louisiana and Florida to take part in the expo's wide-ranging offerings.

"The first-ever Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo was a huge success," Shelton said.

"Everyone seemed to love seeing this much fishing stuff under one roof. We have not heard any negative comments."

The expo featured hundreds of vendors representing nearly every corner of the fishing industry, including custom hand-painted lures, rods and reels, tackle, boats, marine accessories and apparel, as well as specialty food vendors offering gourmet apples and desserts.

Throughout the weekend, attendees also attended live seminars and demonstrations led by industry experts and professional anglers, who shared insider tips, techniques and product knowledge.

Shelton noted that the event's impact extended beyond the show floor from the packed weekend, with local restaurants and hotels filled throughout the weekend by vendors and out-of-town visitors from across the country, providing local businesses with a weekend full of welcome patrons.

In addition to serving the fishing community, the expo also doubled as a food drive directly benefiting Cullman Caring for Kids, reinforcing Shelton's vision of giving back locally.

"We collected over 1,000 canned food items and other products. Kids 12 and under got in free with a donation," Shelton shared.

"We believe in giving back to the Cullman community. This is where I was raised, went to school and retired from, so I always want to give back."

Buoyed by the huge turnout and positive feedback, Shelton said plans are already underway to bring the event back.

"Since Rock the South left, I believe Cullman can now be known as the home of the largest fishing expo in Alabama history," he said. "I want to thank everyone for coming, and we will release the dates of the 2027 expo as soon as we get all the details worked out."

Shelton said he plans to meet with City of Cullman officials in the coming weeks to discuss making Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo an annual event, with hopes of continuing to grow both its reach and its impact in the years ahead.

For future updates on next year's Alabama's Ultimate Fishing Expo, follow the official Facebook page or email Jeff Shelton at ultimatefishingexpo@yahoo.com.

