CULLMAN POOL STORE
Come see us today for ALL your swimming pool needs!
Supplies - Chemicals - Service
Repairs - Water Testing
256-734-1733 | 3544 AL HWY 157, Cullman, AL 35055
CULLMAN POOL STORE EST. 2013

The Cullman Tribune

SERVING CULLMAN – IN THE HEART OF DIXIE – SINCE 1874

VOL. 153 • 50¢ PER COPY | THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026 | USPS 139-700 • NO. 13

WORKING FOR YOU!



SENATOR
GARLAN GUDGER
PD. POL. ADV. GUDGER FOR SENATE
314 2ND AVE. SE, CULLMAN 35055

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

OBITUARIES

William (Mike) Michael England, Roy James Burnham, Wanda Lee Reynolds, Jerry Wayne 'Albert' Thomason, Bobbie Lavell Messersmith, Cecil Ray Boyd, Margarette Joyce Persall, Pauline Holder Holmes, Crystal Lee Henderson, Blair David Jett, Elizabeth Ann Keller, Melba Jean Bartlett, Susan Delois Bryan
» PAGE 8

WEATHER

45 25
SOURCE: WEATHER.GOV
PATCHY FREEZING FOG THEN PARTLY SUNNY

Arrests and Incidents
» PAGE 2

Community Calendar
» PAGE 2



WEST POINT XC/T&F

– SPORTS –
West Point's Sutter qualifies for state championships, Warriors compete in Last Chance invitational in Birmingham
» PAGE 4

Cullman City Council terminates wastewater plant head Jake Calloway following arrest

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Tuesday, Jan. 27, after a lengthy closed-door executive session, voted to terminate the employment of Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Shannon "Jake" Calloway, 38, of Arley, following his arrest on Dec. 17, 2025, for allegedly placing cameras in restrooms at the facility.

Calloway has been charged with two counts of aggravated criminal surveillance, a felony, charging that he twice - with separate victims - "installed a video camera in the men's restroom and recorded the intimate areas of an individual's body."

According to the criminal complaint, Calloway allegedly installed a video camera in a men's restroom at the Cullman Wastewater » PAGE 3



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Shannon "Jake" Calloway

Hanceville Mayor Paul Campbell resigns, cites personal loss and need to focus on healing

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Mayor Paul Campbell has resigned from office, effective immediately, citing the ongoing impact of personal loss and the demands facing the City as reasons for his decision.

In a letter released Tuesday, Campbell said the sudden death of his wife, Kyla, earlier this year and the stress associated with the responsibilities of the office led him to conclude he could no longer serve the community in the way it deserves. He described the decision as difficult and acknowledged it may come as a surprise to residents.

Campbell was elected mayor in August 2025, defeating Christopher Johnson and former Hanceville Police Chief Robert Eugene "Bob" Long.

He took office with the stated goal of addressing challenges facing the city and guiding Hanceville forward through a period of heightened public attention.

On Tuesday, Campbell shared the following letter with the Hanceville community:



CONTRIBUTED
Paul Campbell

Dear Hanceville Community,

Please accept this letter as my official notice of resignation as Mayor of the City of Hanceville, effective immediately. This has been an incredibly difficult decision, and I understand that it may come as a surprise. I ask for a moment to explain my decision fully.

When I sought election to this office, I did so with a sincere desire to make our city a better place. I believed I could help address the issues that have brought significant attention and challenge to Hanceville. I knew the work would take time and demand much of me, and I believed I was prepared for that responsibility.

As many of you know, my wife, Kyla, passed away suddenly in April. Her death was a profound shock and a devastating loss. At the time, I believed that staying busy and serving our community would help me process my grief. However, I have come to realize that this belief was mistaken.

The unique and demanding circumstances facing our city have created a level of stress far greater than I anticipated, and that stress has made navigating my grief increasingly difficult. My faith and personal values compel me to be honest and transparent with you. While my desire to see Hanceville succeed remains strong, I recognize that, given my personal circumstances, I am not able to serve this community in the way you deserve.

Our city faces complex challenges that will require difficult decisions, » PAGE 5

Alabama law sharply restricts hemp products; DA outlines enforcement framework



CREATED BY CULLMAN TRIBUNE
» PAGE 5

Cullman City Council terminates City employee, moves through full agenda
» PAGE 5

John Wahl formally announces campaign for lieutenant governor

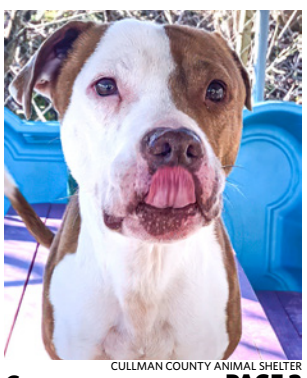


JOHN WAHL
President Trump and John Wahl
» PAGE 4

Good Hope council talks traffic, hemp products, Taco Bell
» PAGE 7

PET OF THE WEEK

Greg the grateful gentleman



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
Greg
» PAGE 3

Bill Smith
BUICK GMC
WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE
ALABAMA'S LARGEST BUICK GMC DEALER
GMC DEALER OF THE YEAR
7 YEARS IN A ROW!
2026 GMC
Sierra 1500
Denali Ultimate
STK# 68214
- 6.2L Ecotec3 V8 Engine
- MultiPro Tailgate Kicker Audio System
- Power Sunroof
- 'Heated Steering Wheel
- Remote Entry/Remote Start



WAS $87,390
NOW $73, 890
SAVE $13,500
Celebrate the Savings With Bill's Deals!
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Color may vary.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 22 – 27, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 22
- domestic violence; CR 623
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1502
- violation of protection order; CR 336
- theft of property; Good Hope School Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1456
- theft of property; CR 1600
- theft of property; Doc Clemmons Rd.
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 1030

Jan. 23
- domestic violence; CR 747
- criminal mischief; CR 1502
- menacing; CR 1605
- theft of property; CR 703
- theft of property; CR 222
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 223
- burglary; CR 813
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 397
- burglary; CR 346
- theft of property; CR 490

Jan. 24
- burglary; CR 136
- theft of property; CR 1118
- harassment; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB rest Area
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB MM 266

Jan. 25
- domestic violence/assault CR 7
- domestic violence; CR 1154
- harassing communications; person
- burglary; CR 64

Jan. 26
- criminal mischief; CR 437
- harassing communications; CR 1806
- domestic violence; Shady Ln. Dr. NW
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; Summit Rd.
- burglary; CR 1114
- burglary; CR 1462
- domestic violence/menacing; CR 1036
- domestic violence; CR 321
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; Johnson Cir.
- trespassing; criminal mischief; CR 332
- harassment; person; Mitchell Rd. NE
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd St. SW

ARRESTS

Jan. 22-27

Allred, Dustyn H.; 30
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Bell, Chandler F.; 41
- Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Bender, Samantha E.; 31
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Bibb, Demilah C.; 33
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Cobb, Nikki P.; 35
- conservation – cruelty to dog/cat

Conn, Fredrick W.; 65
- FTA- dangerous drugs-possession of drug paraphernalia

Cottrell, Dakota V.; 30
- conservation – cruelty to dog/cat

Dasilva, Rachel Marie F.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Eason, Gary J. S.; 31
- attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – harassing communications
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous less than $500
- Violation of Release Order – stolen vehicles-auto theft (2 counts)
- Violation of Release Order – larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft (5 counts)
- Violation of Release Order – larceny/theft of article (2 counts)
- Violation of Release Order – attempt to commit a crime-Class B
- Violation of Release Order – burglary-residence-no force (2 counts)
- Violation of Release Order – damaged property-criminal mischief
- Violation of Release Order – dangerous drugs-methamphetamine
- Violation of Release Order – possession of drug paraphernalia
- Violation of Release Order – property crime-tampering with physical evidence

Hill, Stacie S.; 39
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Horton, Justin B.; 37
- Probation Violation – assault-1st degree

Huffman, Charles G.; 60
- Grand Jury-larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Jackson, Brodie; 21
- forgery-forged instrument
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Lee, Justin J.; 29
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- operating vehicle with improper tires
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag

Mullet, Latishia L.; 34
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Myrick, Brandi M.; 49
- appears in public place under influence

Watwood, Jason L.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Yates Jr., Jimmy L.; 38
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 20
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Dripping Springs Apts.; Dripping Springs Rd.

Jan. 22
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $576

Jan. 23
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespassing-2nd degree; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW; miscellaneous; $150
- criminal trespassing-2nd degree; Dripping Springs Apts.; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $295

Jan. 24
- theft of property-4th degree; Little Caesars; Hwy. 157; cash
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW

Jan. 25
- theft of property; person; 4th St. SW; purse and contents
- harassing communications; person
- criminal mischief; person; Culpepper St. NW; damaged property
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; Hickory Ave. SW; pistol; $250

Jan. 26
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Jan. 23-27

Phelps, Christy M.; 42
- criminal trespassing-2nd degree
- attempt to elude
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession drug paraphernalia

Tackett, Erin K.; 25
- theft of property-4th degree

Jelinek, Levy V.; 27
- theft of property-4th degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Velasco, Carlos; 21
- DUI
- reckless endangerment
- attempt to elude

Lee, Justin J.; 29
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violations (3 counts)
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Adkins, Samuel P.; 21
- public intoxication

Ballard, Austin T.; 28
- public intoxication
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Holten, Brooks G.; 19
- domestic violence-assault-3rd degree

Moore, Christopher L.; 46
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Shaw, Rosa M.; 20
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Onis S.; 34
- FTA- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 count)
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

NOW HIRING CLASS A CDL DRIVERS

SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY AND BENEFITS

SFTWI

PLEASE APPLY AT COLLEGE TIRE

315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE

256-352-2221

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, Jan. 30 – 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, Feb. 1 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
Families are joining the library for fun and programs! The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685.
• Tuesday, 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 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
• Whether you are a husband, father, grandfather, young professional or student, this conference is for you. Be challenged to lead your home with conviction, courage and commitment. Bring a friend. Bring your son. Bring your small group. Stand as a Man of the Covenant.
• Register at www.7thstreetba-12tist.com.

Cullman County Master Gardners Native Azalea and Wildflower Sale
Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds at Sportsman Lake Park

Cullman County Master Gardners Spring Plant Sale
Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds at Sportsman Lake Park

VIRGIL B. FOWLER
Real Estate and Insurance
AGENCY
Quality Since 1935
734-3821
vbfowlerinsurance.com
Successors to
WILLIAM RICHARD & SON INSURANCE
" Established 1885 "
Virgil B. Fowler 1895-1978 - Virgil B. Fowler Jr. 1937-2019 - Dorothy S. Fowler - Jason S. Fowler

Greg (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Greg, a terrier mix with a smile that makes him easy to spot in any crowd. Approximately 5-years-old with a medium energy level, this fine, happy gentleman truly loves to be in your company and thrives on connection. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week!

Greg carries a quiet charm and a steady presence. One of his most endearing features is his left ear, naturally shorter than the other, giving him a look that is both distinctive and unforgettable.

His approach to life could be summed up simply: be grateful in all things.

He is already neutered, and because of that his adoption fee has been reduced to $35, which helps cover his vaccinations, microchip and basic veterinary care.

That number, however, does not come close to reflecting his worth. Greg is the quintessential companion, equally suited for a peaceful day as a therapy dog or an adventurous hike with his person.

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 Greg has already found his forever home by the time you inquire, please know that he has many friends at the shelter who are just as deserving and are still waiting patiently for their own forever families.

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

EARL'S BODY SHOP
2251 Decatur Ave., N.W.
734-2406

THE BARN
Portable Storage Buildings
Hanceville, AL
352-2737


A-1 Battery Sales
AUTO – TRUCK – TRACTOR
Quality Batteries For Every Need
Since 1979
2152 Co. Rd. 1169 • Cullman, AL 35055
Phone: (Office): 256-734-9438

NOW HIRING TIRE TECHS
SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY
COLLEGE TIRE
315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE
256-352-2221

COMMUNITY CORNER

SUBMIT BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, SEE YOUR AD ON THURSDAY!
PLACE YOUR AD AT TRIBUNE.STORE OR CALL US AT 256-739-1351

FUNDRAISER

SWAMP JOHN'S FUNDRAISER | St. Andrew's Methodist, 615 Main Avenue SW | Saturday, January 31, 2026 | 11 am to 2 pm | $15/plate (eat in or take out)

FOR SALE

BREATHE FREELY AT HOME! Central Boiler's Classic Edge Titanium HDX OUTDOOR wood furnace eliminates indoor smoke for healthier living. Boilerworx Plus – serving Cullman and surrounding areas. Call 256-347-6832!

SERVICES

APPLIANCE REPAIR: Prompt local service available for appliance repair. Washer/Dryer, Dishwasher, Refrigerator, Stove/Oven and all major appliances. Certified, Insured techs. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call to schedule your appointment now! 1-877-441-0132

SELLING A RV, Tractor or Golf Cart? ADVERTISE STATEWIDE or by region in over 100 Newspapers, reaching over 1 million readers each week! Run your ad in our Classified Network for just $210 per week! Make one call to this newspaper (participating Ala-SCAN newspaper) or call 1-800-264-7043 to find out how easy it is to advertise statewide!

BEAUTIFUL BATH UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Superior quality bath and shower systems at AFFORDABLE PRICES! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Call Now! 1-833-770-0326

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals dry out the wet area and do repairs to protect your family and your home's value! If you have water in your home that needs to be dried, Call 24/7: 1-833-879-1371 Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

WE BUY HOUSES FOR CASH AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-877-385-7131

CONSUMER CELLULAR - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just $20/month. For more information, call 1-844-358-5270

HEALTH/BEAUTY

ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Discover Oxygen Therapy That Moves with You with Inogen Portable Oxygen Concentrators. FREE information kit. Call 1-833-650-7885

ATTENTION: VIAGRA AND CIALIS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only $99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-833-641-6606

FOR SALE

AFFORDABLE TV & INTERNET. If you are overpaying for your service, call now for a free quote and see how much you can save! 1-833-641-6672

NEED NEW FLOORING? Call today to schedule a FREE in-home estimate on Carpeting & Flooring. Call Today! 1-833-641-6567

NO MORE CLEANING OUT GUTTERS. Guaranteed! LeafFilter is the most advanced gutter protection for your home, backed by a no-clog guarantee and lifetime transferrable warranty. Call today 1-833-683-2005 to schedule a FREE inspection and no obligation estimate. Plus get 20% off! Seniors and military save an additional 10%. Restrictions apply, see representative for warranty and offer details

PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES TODAY with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase* Call 1-877-323-5516 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-877-817-4697 www.dental50plus.com/alabama #6258

REPLACE YOUR ROOF with the best looking and longest lasting material steel from Erie Metal Roofs! Three styles and multiple colors available. Guaranteed to last a lifetime! Limited Time Offer up to 50% off installation + Additional 10% off install (for military, health workers & 1st responders.) Call Erie Metal Roofs: 1-833-955-3163

AUTOMOTIVE

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-833-426-0193

DONATE YOUR CAR, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-877-724-3049 today!

Calloway (from Front)

building on Welti Road on or about Dec. 4, 2025. Allegedly, he "did intentionally engage in surveillance of an individual in any place where the individual being observed had a reasonable expectation of privacy, without the prior express or implied consent of the individual being observed, for the purpose of sexual gratification." The complaint references two unnamed victims.

Council President Kim Hall reported that Mayor Woody Jacobs (absent from Tuesday's meeting) met with Calloway following his arrest, and that the mayor subsequently recommended the termination.

Offered a choice of resolutions, to terminate or reinstate the temporarily suspended superintendent, the council voted unanimously to terminate.

According to Alacourt, the criminal case is pending.

Borden Family Pharmacy
Established in 1999
Borden FAMILY PHARMACY
bordenfamilypharmacy.com
256-734-7535

The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874 Publication Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
HumbleRoots,LLC
Published daily Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055

POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: office@cullmantribune.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES

CULLMAN.....$125.00
OUTSIDE CULLMAN.....$250.00

Noah Galilee - Publisher
Dustin Isom - Associate Publisher
Chasady Woods - Reporter
Lauren Estes - Reporter
W.C. Mann - Reporter
Gauge Day - Reporter
Anabelle Howze - Reporter
Lucas Gray - Varsity Sports Editor
Sammy Confer - JV Sports Editor
Rhonda Richie - Newsroom Manager
Janet Chandler - Marketing Specialist

TRACK & FIELD

West Point's Sutter qualifies for state championships, Warriors compete in Last Chance invitational in Birmingham

Lucas Gray
lucas@cullmantribune.com

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The West Point high school track and field team traveled to the Birmingham CrossPlex to compete in the first two days of the Last Chance invitational on Friday and Saturday. Five Warriors took part in the event, with senior Asa Sutter capping off a monumental weekend after also being part of the County Tournament championship winning boys basketball team on Friday night.

With the threat of severe winter weather last weekend, the County Tournament semifinals and championship games were moved up from Friday and Saturday to Wednesday and Friday. Sutter said this was ultimately beneficial to him, giving him a chance to focus on one at a time with his events in the meet taking place Saturday morning.

A county championship on the line in basketball, Sutter was spending most of his week with the team, but said he never felt unprepared for the meet. His basketball workouts kept him in jumping shape, and while he'd have to skip out on some of the team's celebration to prepare to leave Cullman at 5:30 a.m. the next morning, he'd go on to find even more success in Birmingham.

Sutter participated in three events, the boys long jump, high jump and triple jump. In the long jump, he placed fourth out of 17 competitors with a distance of 19 feet and 7.25 inches, earning his first podium trip of the day. An even better finish, he placed second in the boys high jump at six feet, tying his own personal record which stands as West Point's best as well.

He'd earn another trip to the podium and a silver medal for the mark. Sutter would come away with a gold medal, too, coming in first place in the boys triple jump, recording a 42 foot, 6.5 inch mark in the event, and getting to stand atop the podium just hours after holding the county championship trophy in basketball.

Excelling in all three events, Sutter qualified to compete in the ASHAA 4A/5A State Championships on January 31 at the CrossPlex in Birmingham. After winning a county championship and qualifying to compete for one in state on the field, Sutter said, "The basketball championship doesn't automatically make me a track champion, but it helped build my confidence and creates winning habits that will help as I enter the State meet. It gives me a strong winning mindset. The big difference is while basketball relies on a team, in track I'm competing on my own."



WEST POINT XC/T&F
West Point's Asa Sutter

Also in the field, the Warriors had two athletes participate in shot put events. Kalanu Reindeau set a new personal best in the boys competition, placing 42nd out of 100 entries with a distance of just over 39 feet. In the girls competition, Warrior Hannah McKenney came 46th out of 91 competitiors, throwing 25 feet and ten inches.

West Point also had a pair of athletes in track events, with senior Jesus Tovar taking part in the boys 1600m and finishing with a 5:14.74 time, and Ray McKenney recording a 54.99 second time in the boys 400m.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Bulldogs roll past Lady Yellow Jackets in 49-18 win, boys falls to Corner 70-46

Sammy Confer
sammy@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — It was Youth Night inside Lane Horton Gymnasium, as the Hanceville Bulldogs took on the Corner Yellow Jackets in Thursday night hoops action. Hanceville ended up splitting their games against Corner. In the varsity girls' game, the Lady Bulldogs quickly got out to a double-digit lead and never relinquished it, as Kynzlee Farr and Alex Twitty combined for 37 points in their 49-18 win over the Lady Yellow Jackets.

The varsity boys game was a tale of two halves. Hanceville stuck with Corner for the first half and trailed by only eight at the half. The second half, however, belonged to the Yellow Jackets, and they outscored Hanceville 48-32 en route to a 70-46 rout of the Bulldogs.

Hanceville 49 – Corner 18 (Varsity Girls)

Hanceville didn't waste any time getting out to an early lead. Alex Twitty scored the first seven points of the game to give the Lady Bulldogs the early lead. A rebound and putback by Kerrigon Moore and a steal and a basket by Mattie Keith made it 11-0. Twitty added a rebound and putback of her own to put Hanceville ahead, 13-0. The Lady Bulldogs' defense held Corner without a field goal for almost five minutes before a trey by the Lady Yellow Jackets put them on the scoreboard. Kynzlee Farr put the finishing touches on what ended up being a great opening period for Hanceville, as she hit a pair of late baskets to give them a 17-3 lead going into the second.

It was more of the same in the second quarter for the Lady Bulldogs. Keith collected a rebound and putback, and Farr's steal and basket gave Hanceville a 21-5 lead early in the second period. The rest of the first half belonged to Twitty, Farr, and the Hanceville defense, as the duo combined to score the final nine points of the quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs held Corner to just three made field goals in the first half, and they would take a 31-7 lead into the locker room.

Hanceville would continue to add onto their lead to start out the second half. Moore drove to the paint and hit a basket to make it 33-9.

Twitty nailed a short jumper and added a pair of free throws to give the Lady Bulldogs a 37-9 lead. Farr added a pair of late baskets to put Hanceville up 41-13 going into the final period.

Twitty knocked down two more free throws to make it 43-13 early in the fourth, which was run under a hot clock.

Twitty collected another rebound and putback, and Laila Lewis, who was moved up from the JV squad, banked in a trey from the top of the key to help seal Hanceville's 49-18 win over the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Twitty finished with a game-high 20 points for the Lady Bulldogs, and Farr added 17 points.

Corner 70 – Hanceville 46 (Varsity Boys)

Drake Bentley drained a three from the right wing to give Hanceville an early 3-2 lead. Bentley later knocked down a short jumper and added a free throw to put the Bulldogs ahead, 6-5. Corner, though, finished the opening period strong, scoring the final six points to take an 11-6 lead going into the second quarter.

Javus Leusby drove to the paint and scored to cut it to 11-8 early in the second, but a Yellow Jacket trey gave them a 14-8 lead.

That would be their final basket for a while. Shawn Pilman collected a rebound and putback, and Nick Davis and Sam Abney each knocked down a pair of free throws to cut it to 15-14 late in the first half.

For the second straight quarter, though, Corner finished out strong, scoring the final seven points to take a 22-14 lead at the break.

A quick 8-1 run by the Yellow Jackets stretched their lead to 30-15. Leusby collected the offensive rebound and banked in a short jumper, and A.J. Carnathan nailed a three after getting the offensive rebound to cut it to 30-20.

Corner ended the third quarter on a 14-1 run to widen their lead to 44-21 going into the final period.

Five straight points, including a three-point play, by Abney, made it a 46-26 game. Later in the fourth quarter, Bentley drained a pair of free throws, and Davis got fouled after making the layup and ended up hitting the free throw to trim it to 18 at 49-31.

Free throws by Davis and Abney made it a 56-35 game. Corner would be too much for Hanceville in the end, though, as they would go on to defeat the Bulldogs, 70-46.

Bentley led the way for Hanceville with 11 points. Abney wasn't too far behind with 10 points. Davis ended up with seven points, while Pilman and Leusby each posted six points.

Hanceville will now start preparing for their area tournament games at Vinemont next Thursday night.

Wahl (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

HOOVER, Ala. — Alabama Republican Party Chairman and Alabama Public Library Service Chairman John Wahl on Tuesday, Jan. 27, announced his campaign for Alabama lieutenant governor.

Below is Wahl's unedited announcement:

John Wahl, outgoing Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party, Today formally announced his campaign for Lieutenant Governor of Alabama following President Donald J. Trump's public endorsement.

"President Trump understands that Alabama needs a Lieutenant Governor who will fight unapologetically for the America First agenda — and that's why he endorsed me," Wahl said. "Alabama can lead the nation in a conservative resurgence to protect our rights, our freedoms, and our values. Now more than ever, we need bold conservative leaders who will stand firmly on our platform, reject weak and lukewarm policies, and push back against the radical left."

A lifelong Alabama resident, devoted Christian, and principled conservative, Wahl has built a record rooted in hard work and service.

From his beginnings on his family's farm in Limestone County to becoming one of the youngest and most effective Republican leaders in the country, his career reflects a deep commitment to grassroots conservatism and conservative victories.

Wahl has served as Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party since 2021. During his tenure, he brought new energy and a results-driven vision to the Party — raising more than $8.5 million, setting fundraising and attendance records, and helping organize the largest political event in Alabama history: the Cullman Trump Rally.

A consistent and trusted ally of President Trump, Wahl played a key leadership role in the 2024 Trump campaign, helping raise more than $2 million and mobilizing volunteers who knocked on more than 100,000 doors in critical swing states.

Under Wahl's leadership, Alabama Republicans achieved historic success — flipping 90 seats statewide, building the largest grassroots network in state history, and advancing key conservative priorities including tax cuts, election integrity, school choice, and adoption reform.

"As Chairman of the Alabama Republican Party, I've been on the front lines defending our values and fighting for our freedoms," Wahl said.

"Now, I'm ready to take that fight to the Lieutenant Governor's office.

"It's time to secure our elections, rebuild our economy, create jobs, cut taxes, lower regulations, put parents back in control of their children's education, and always put the people of Alabama first. It's time for Alabama to lead the nation on conservative principles."

John Wahl has also been a longtime ally of U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville. He worked on Tuberville's 2020 campaign for U.S. Senate and later served on his transition team following the election.

"As Lieutenant Governor, I will always stand for the people of Alabama and never back down," Wahl said. "Coach Tuberville is running for governor on a bold platform of returning power to the people. He will need a conservative fighter by his side, and if elected, I will proudly stand with him — and with President Trump — as we fight for the God-given rights and freedoms of the people of Alabama."

To learn more about John Wahl and his campaign visit https://votejohnwahl.com

Key dates

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



Law (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama's new hemp law, Act 2025-385, places sweeping restrictions on the sale, possession and distribution of hemp products in the state, according to an overview provided by Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker.

The act, also known as HB 455 and sponsored by Rep. Andy Whitt, R-Harvest, makes all hemp plant material and any smokeable hemp products unlawful in Alabama.

"All hemp plant material and any smokeable hemp products are unlawful and banned," the act states.

While Crocker said he could not comment on pending investigations or specific law enforcement strategies, he outlined the key provisions of the law now in effect.

Under Act 2025-385, consumable hemp products are subject to the following requirements and restrictions:

• Consumable hemp products may only be sold in stores restricted to customers age 21 and older, with mandatory ID checks for all buyers.

• All consumable hemp products sold or distributed in Alabama are governed by rules adopted and administered by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

• Hemp products must be tested and accompanied by a Certificate of Analysis issued by an accredited laboratory. The certificate must be available for inspection at every point in the supply chain, including retail, for each product batch.

• If a Certificate of Analysis cannot be produced at the point of retail, the product is considered contraband and may be seized by law enforcement or an ABC agent without a warrant.

• All hemp-derived products are prohibited from containing psychoactive cannabinoids that are created through chemical synthesis, modification or conversion from another cannabinoid using non-cannabis materials.

• Consumable hemp products must be individually wrapped and sold in strict child-resistant packaging, with required labeling and warnings.

• Consumable hemp products may not exceed 10 milligrams of total THC per serving and 40 milligrams of total THC per package.

• Direct shipment sales, online sales and drive-through sales of hemp products are prohibited.

• Criminal penalties for violating sales provisions range from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class C felony for subsequent offenses.

Additional restrictions apply specifically to hemp beverages:

• Hemp beverages may only be sold in 21-and-older stores or in grocery stores licensed by the ABC Board.

• Eligible grocery stores must dedicate at least 75 percent of their sales area to food, be at least 14,000 square feet and place hemp beverages in an area separated from nonalcoholic beverages and beverages marketed to children, with hemp-specific signage.

• Hemp beverages may not exceed 10 milligrams of total THC per 12-ounce serving.

• Hemp beverages may not be offered for consumption on licensed premises, and retailers are prohibited from offering tastings.

The law also establishes escalating civil penalties:

• Individuals selling hemp products in violation of the act face fines ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 for first through third offenses.

• Retailers face fines ranging from $5,000 to $10,000 for first through third offenses.

• Retailers found to have sold hemp products to minors face penalties ranging from $5,000 to $20,000 and may also lose their retailer license.

In addition, all proceeds, property, equipment, materials and personal property used in the illegal sale or possession of hemp products are subject to forfeiture proceedings.

Crocker also noted that a new federal law, passed by Congress in November 2025, will take effect in November 2026 and further tighten restrictions nationwide.

That law, HR 5371, Section 781, mirrors Alabama's statute in several respects while imposing stricter standards in others.

Key federal provisions include:

• An amended federal definition of lawful hemp that excludes cannabinoids synthesized or manufactured outside the cannabis plant.

• A new federal limit of 0.4 milligrams of total THC per serving, significantly lower than Alabama's 10 milligram limit.

• A requirement that, within 90 days of enactment, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration publish:

o A list of cannabinoids known to be naturally produced by the cannabis plant based on peer-reviewed literature.

o A list of tetrahydrocannabinol-class cannabinoids known to naturally occur in the plant.

o A list of other cannabinoids with similar effects to or marketed as having effects similar to THC.

o A refined definition of the term container.

Crocker said the federal changes are intended to further strengthen restrictions on hemp products nationwide.





Campbell (from Front)

sustained focus, and significant emotional resilience. For those who have experienced the unexpected loss of a spouse, you understand that grief often takes far longer to process than one anticipates. I am still in the early stages of that journey.

I am truly sorry that I am unable to continue serving you as Mayor. My hope is that by coming forward now with honesty and clarity, you will understand that this decision was made with the best interests of both my family and our city at heart.

I sincerely covet your thoughts and prayers during this time, and I wish nothing but continued growth, strength, and success for the City of Hanceville.

With respect and gratitude,
Paul Campbell

Campbell concluded his letter by asking for the community's prayers and expressing his hope for Hanceville's continued growth and success.

As of Tuesday, City officials had not released additional information regarding succession or next steps following Campbell's resignation.

Cullman Council (from Front)

W.C. Mann
craig@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Tuesday, Jan. 27, after a lengthy closed-door executive session, voted to terminate the employment of Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Shannon "Jake" Calloway, 38, of Arley, following his arrest on Dec. 17, 2025, for allegedly placing cameras in restrooms at the facility.

Calloway has been charged with two counts of aggravated criminal surveillance, a felony, charging that he twice – with separate victims – "installed a video camera in the men's restroom and recorded the intimate areas of an individual's body." Council President Kim Hall reported that Mayor Woody Jacobs, absent from Tuesday's meeting, had met with Calloway and subsequently recommended the termination.

See a full, separate story at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/01/27/cullman-city-council-terminates-wastewater-plant-head-jake-calloway-following-arrest.

In its regular business, the council approved resolutions to:

• Award the bid for one or more four wheel drive regular cab trucks to Long Lewis Automotive, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $37,206.50

• Award the bid for the 24th Street Southwest water line extension project to Willoughby Contracting, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of $1,233,535

• Reject a change order for Jim Cooper Construction Company, Inc. on the Omni-Plex, which will not change the amount of the contract

• Approve a change order for Synagro-WWT, Inc. on the WWTP Anaerobic Digester Maintenance project, which will increase the amount of the contract by $293,865.05

• Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with DDB Capital, LLC, for the development of a subdivision located on County Road 1466

• Enter into a contract with DaleRain Consulting, LLC, for professional services including but not limited to communications and government affairs

Following a scheduled second reading, the council passed Ordinance No. 2026-22 to rezone property located at 1803 Beech Ave. SE from M-1 Manufacturing Residential to B-3 Business District.

The council held first readings of the following ordinances:

• No. 2026-24 update Chapter 10-363 Authority of Building Department; Duties

• No. 2026-25 to vacate and surplus properties (portions of PIN 6648, 6915, 9003, and 77318) not needed for any public or municipal purpose for their fair market values

• No. 2026-26 to annex property (52.66 acres; PIN 200273) owned by Brock Miracle Egg, LLC, located on County Road 1466 as R-3 Residential District – According to the council, this property will be developed as a subdivision with a variety of housing, including both large single family homes and small townhouses.

The council approved two special event requests:

• Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Mardi Gras parade along Third Avenue Southwest, Fourth Street Southwest, to Sixth Avenue Southwest beginning at 1 p.m. on Feb. 14, 2026

• Zachary Jones to hold free speech demonstrations on the sidewalks around the courthouse beginning on Jan. 27, 2026, and ending on Feb. 28, 2026. According to Hall, the permit is contingent on Jones giving police 24 hours' notice of his planned days on-site during that extended period.

The council recognized achievements of two City employees:

• Canaan Lipsey completed level 4 certification as a wastewater treatment operator, the highest level of certification in Alabama

• City Magistrate Jenny Perkins completed her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, bringing the City's entire Magistrate's Office staff to at least bachelor's degrees in the field

The council had planned a number of public hearings, but due to the weather-related shift in this week's meeting, rescheduled the following for the first February meeting:

• Ordinance No. 2026-16 to update Chapter 62 Zoning: Section 165 Reconstruction of damaged buildings or structure

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

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

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

• Ordinance No. 2026-23 to create a neighborhood enhancement program within the city of Cullman

The council made the following board appointments:

• Gary Hollingsworth to the Alcohol Review Committee for a term expiring Jan. 1, 2029

• Police Chief Joey Duncan to the Alcohol Review Committee for a term expiring Jan. 1, 2029

• Rita Nielson to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a term expiring Feb. 14, 2029

• Michael Sullins to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a term expiring Feb. 14, 2029

• Scott Graham to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a term expiring Feb. 14, 2029

• Karla Brauer to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a term expiring Feb. 14, 2027

• Trey Tidwell to the Tree Commission for a term expiring Nov. 9, 2028

• Rob Werner to the Tree Commission for a term expiring Nov. 9, 2027

• Sheila Phillips to the Personnel Board for a term expiring July 12, 2031

The Cullman City Council will meet next on Monday, Feb. 9, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.







LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-20 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 20

TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. The following section of the City of Cullman Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 62, "Zoning," Section 32(d)(1), "Lots, yards and open spaces," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended and replaced as follows:

Sec. 62-32. Lots, yards and open spaces.

(d) Exceptions and modifications.

(1) Where a lot of record does not conform to the requirements of the applicable district, the lot may nonetheless be used as a building site upon approval by the Building Official so long as they conform as closely as possible to the requirements of the district.

(e) **REPORTING.** All determinations by the Building Official shall be reported to the Council at the next council meeting following said determination(s).

(f) **NOTICE.** The Building Department shall notify all Adjacent Property Owners upon application of the Property Owner for approval of a non-conforming use. Adjacent Property Owners are defined as any property contiguous to the subject property, including properties directly across from said subject property. Said notice shall be given by certified mail or hand delivery within seven (7) business days from the submission of the application. The Building Official shall notify the Property Owner and Adjacent Property Owner of decisions regarding applications for non-conforming use. Said notice shall be given by certified mail or hand delivery within seven (7) business days of the decision.

(g) APPEAL. The Property Owner shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Building Official. Said appeal shall be made in accordance with Ordinance 2-380, Ordinance 2-381 and Ordinance 62-181 et. seq. Any Adjacent Property Owner shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Building Official decision within fourteen (14) days of said decision and shall be in accordance with Ordinance 2-380, Ordinance 2-381, and Ordinance 62-181 et. seq.

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

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage by the council, approval and publication as required by law. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-18 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 18

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, Big Sky Trading, LLC, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

PPIN: 8563. Parcel No.: 09-08-33-2-005-007.000. Property Address: 2211 Second Avenue NW.
Commence at the intersection of the west right of way line of US Highway No. 31 with the north line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, then go in a southerly direction along said right of way line a distance of 976.7 feet to the point of beginning: thence go 90 degrees 00 minutes right a distance of 150 feet; thence go 90 degrees 00 minutes left a distance of 100 feet; thence go 90 degrees 00 minutes left a distance of 150 feet to a point on the west right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 31; thence go 90 degrees 00 minutes left along said right of way line a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning. The above described land lies in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, in Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 539, Page 53.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as AG-1 Agricultural District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-1 Residential District to B-3 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on February 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-21 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 21

TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. The following section of the City of Cullman Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 62, "Zoning," Section 163, "Nonconforming Lots," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Sec. 62-163. Nonconforming lots.

(a) *Vacant lots.* If the owner of a nonconforming vacant lot owns adjoining land that may be combined with it in order to comply with the requirements of this chapter, the lots may be combined before the city issues a building permit or any approval required by this chapter for development of the lots.

If the owner of a nonconforming vacant lot of record does not own sufficient adjoining land to enable compliance with the area and dimensional requirements of this chapter, one building and its accessory structures may be built provided they conform as closely as possible, **as determined by the Building Official**, to the requirements of the applicable district, and further provided that no side yard, where required to be greater than five feet, may be reduced to less than five feet.

(b) *Occupied lots.* Where multiple dwellings existed on one lot in the R-1 or R-2 District, on the effective date of Ordinance No. 848, the owner may apply for a variance to subdivide the lot, so that each dwelling may be on its own lot, though the resulting lots may be smaller than required by this chapter. If a dwelling on such a lot is destroyed by fire or natural disaster, it may be rebuilt provided it conforms as closely as possible, **as determined by the Building Official**, to the district requirements.

(c) REPORTING. All determinations by the Building Official shall be reported to the Council at the next council meeting following said determination(s).

(d) NOTICE. The Building Department shall notify all Adjacent Property Owners upon application of the Property Owner for approval of a non-conforming use. Adjacent Property Owners are defined as any property contiguous to the subject property, including properties directly across from said subject property. Said notice shall be given by certified mail or hand delivery within seven (7) business days from the submission of the application. The Building Official shall notify the Property Owner and Adjacent Property Owner of decisions regarding applications for non-conforming use. Said notice shall be given by certified mail or hand delivery within seven (7) business days of the decision.

(e) APPEAL. The Property Owner shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Building Official. Said appeal shall be made in accordance with Ordinance 2-380, Ordinance 2-381 and Ordinance 62-181 et. seq. Any Adjacent Property Owner shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Building Official decision within fourteen (14) days of said decision and shall be in accordance with Ordinance 2-380, Ordinance 2-381, and Ordinance 62-181 et. seq.

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

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage by the council, approval and publication as required by law. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 23

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

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

Section I. Purpose.

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

Section II. Development Area.

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

Section III. Qualifying Structure.

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

Section IV. Residential Enhancement.

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

Section V. Non-Conforming Lots.

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

Section VI. Neighborhood Enhancement Incentive Program.

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

Section VII. Legal Authority.

A. Amendment No. 772 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

B. Compliance with Amendment No. 772:

1. Any proposed action under Amendment No. 772 must be taken at a public meeting.
2. Notice describing the proposed action and those individuals and/or businesses to benefit therefrom must be published at least seven days in advance.

Section VIII. Process.

A. Applications to and approval by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, upon recommendation by the Chief Building Official.

B. The Applications shall be in written format to Building Official.

Section IX. Program Requirements.

A. Improvements made in accordance with conditions and standards shall be approved by the City in advance.

B. Improvements made by licensed/bonded contractor(s).

C. Building permit obtained from the City prior to start of work.

D. Containers for debris removal and construction waste must be obtained from the City of Cullman.

Section X. Amount; Payment Aid.

A. (i) Up to $10,000.00 for Residential Enhancement on a non-conforming lot;

B. (ii) Up to $20,000.00 for the removal of a qualifying structure and replacing with a Residential Enhancement;

C. Paid upon written request with invoices of approved work after inspection and approval by the Building Official.

Section XI. Subject to Law-Imposed Requirement.

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

Section XII. Severability Clause.

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

Section XIII. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on February 23, 2026, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-16 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 16

TO AMEND THE CITY OF CULLMAN ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION I. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify, amend, or delete portions of the current Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION II. The following section of the City of Cullman Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 62, "Zoning," Section 165, "Reconstruction of damaged buildings or structures.," of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Sec. 62-165. - Reconstruction of damaged buildings or structures.

a) Any nonconforming dwelling damaged by fire, wind, flood, or other causes, may be repaired or rebuilt within the footprint and square footage of the nonconforming dwelling. The repairs or reconstruction must be initiated within one hundred and eighty (180) days and completed within three hundred and sixty-five (365) days of such damage. Other nonconforming structures damaged by fire, wind, flood or other causes up to sixty (60) percent of their value prior to the damage, may be repaired or rebuilt within the existing footprint and square footage. If the damage exceeds sixty (60) percent of the value of the structure, the structure must be made to conform to applicable zoning regulations, if repaired or rebuilt.

b) Any accessory structures such as storage buildings, detached garages, and similar buildings which have been damaged by fire, wind, flood, or other causes, must be brought into compliance with the requirements of the zoning district in which they are located.

c) Any single-family dwelling that has been declared a dangerous structure under Section 10-335 of the Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama, by the Building Official may be rebuilt within the same footprint provided that setbacks comply with the International Residential Code.

d) In order to promote economic vitality, community well-being and public safety, any Blighted Property that is residential may be demolished and rebuilt within the same footprint provided that setbacks comply with the International Residential Code. Blighted Property is defined as any property and/or structure that exhibits one or more of the following conditions:

1) Structures that are unsafe, uninhabitable, or deteriorated,
2) Abandoned, vacant, or boarded buildings,
3) Repeated criminal activity or nuisance behavior involving said property,
4) Presence of mold, vermin, stagnant water, fire hazards, or other conditions harmful to health or safety,
5) Neglected, run-down and/or unsightly structures,
6) Accumulation of trash, debris, or overgrown vegetation, or
7) Conditions that pose a threat to public health or safety

e) **NOTICE.** The Building Department shall notify all Adjacent Property Owners upon application of the Property Owner for approval of a non-conforming use. Adjacent Property Owners are defined as any property contiguous to the subject property, including properties directly across from said subject property. Said notice shall be given by certified mail or hand delivery within seven (7) business days from the submission of the application. The Building Official shall notify the Property Owner and Adjacent Property Owner of decisions regarding applications for non-conforming use. Said notice shall be given by certified mail or hand delivery within seven (7) business days of the decision.

f) **APPEAL.** The Property Owner shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Building Official. Said appeal shall be made in accordance with Ordinance 2-380, Ordinance 2-381 and Ordinance 62-181 et. seq. Any Adjacent Property Owner shall have the right to appeal any decision of the Building Official decision within fourteen (14) days of said decision and shall be in accordance with Ordinance 2-380, Ordinance 2-381, and Ordinance 62-181 et. seq.

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

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

Good Hope (from Front)

Anabelle Howze
anabelle@cullmantribune.com

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council on Monday approved moving forward with a traffic study tied to school-area congestion. It also advanced an ordinance establishing local licensing for hemp product sales in-line with State regulations and agreed on "Multiplex" as the name for a new City facility.

Council members unanimously adopted Resolution 01-2026 to move forward with a comprehensive traffic study examining traffic flow around multiple schools, including the new elementary school.

The study was discussed as a proposal totaling about $13,000, with the council agreeing to pay for the study, contingent on the Cullman County Board of Education agreeing to reimburse half the cost.

The council also voted to adopt Ordinance 003-2026 after discussing revisions to draft language, including removing sections related to distance requirements and enforcement details that members said could be revisited later.

The ordinance is intended to allow eligible businesses to seek state licensing for hemp product sales while giving the city clerk or other designated administrative officials authority to sign permission letters for qualifying establishments in good standing with the City.

In other business, officials reported sewer operations were stable despite recent heavy rain and said road patching and related sewer work were nearing completion.

The council also noted 17 registrations for Good Hope's youth baseball, softball and T-ball programs, with registration continuing through Feb. 16.

City leaders said layout work for a new Taco Bell restaurant is underway, with visible construction activity expected to increase the week of Feb. 16, as crews prepare to install plumbing and sewer connections before pouring slabs.

The council also discussed addressing a large dirt stockpile at a City site, noting that no partnership has been finalized, though several parties have expressed interest.

Officials said the City is exploring the possibility of working with a contractor who could use the excess dirt in exchange for hauling and grading work needed at City properties.

The next Good Hope City Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARGARETTE ELAINE LEE, * CASE NO.: PC2025-215
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CHASSI LEE WADDELL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARGARETTE ELAINE LEE, deceased, on the 23rd 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.

CHASSI LEE WADDELL
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
PALMER LAW FIRM, LLC
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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 23rd day of January, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHRISTOPHER CARY BOSTELMAN, JR., * CASE NO.: PC2026-010
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to SONIA M. BROWDER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER CARY BOSTELMAN, deceased, on the 27th 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.

SONIA M. BROWDER
Personal Representative

Laura D. Jacobs
Attorney for Petitioner
Cartron & Jacobs LLC
2310 Market Place, Suite B
Huntsville, AL 35801

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 27th day of January, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

EST. 1873
CULLMAN
ALABAMA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
201 2nd Avenue NE 256.775.7203
Cullman, Alabama 35055 www.CullmanAl.gov

City of Cullman
Planning Commission

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

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

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

DAVID ALLAN MORTON
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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.

MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC
D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-07623AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

Cullman Tribune
01/22/2026,01/29/2026,02/05/2026

25-07623AL

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Wanda Jo Creel
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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
Personal Representative

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for the Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055

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

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 James Israel to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for The Federal Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated March 31, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on April 5, 2022 in Deed Book 2008, Page 749 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2121, Page 809 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, 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 March 12, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 2, according to the Survey of Cotton Row, as recorded in Map Book B, Page 63A in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **123 County Road 1407, Cullman, AL 35058**.

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.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203

Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-07966AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

25-07966AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

MATTHEW JOHNSON
Personal Representative

Norma M. Wells
Attorney for the Estate of Jason Charles Johnson
Journey Law Firm
P O Box 309
Guntersville, AL 35976

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 12th day of January, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JANUARY 29, 2026

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 27-28

William (Mike) Michael England
William (Mike) Michael England, age 79, made the journey to his heavenly home on Jan. 16, 2026. Mike was born in Cullman, Alabama to the late William Howard and Maebelle (Kilgo) England. Upon graduating from Cullman High School, Mike enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served in the Vietnam War before being honorably discharged in 1969. The first half of Mike's life was spent with his first wife, Glenda (Brown) England, with whom he had three children and many happy years together. The second half of his life was spent with his fiancée, Renae Nelson, and her daughter who he loved and raised as his own. After his retirement from Greyhound Bus Lines, Mike proudly served as the Quartermaster of the Mogadore V.F.W. Post 8487 for many decades, where his commitment, dedication, and support of many clubs, organizations, and local departments will forever go unmatched. The friendships and bonds that were formed among Mike and his "brothers and sisters" at the Mogadore V.F.W. will never be broken, even in death. It was a true brotherhood that Mike cherished and never took for granted. Mike enjoyed golfing, playing cards, watching Gunsmoke, going to the casino, and sharing a few cold beers with the guys. He was strong, stubborn, and opinionated at times, but he was also kind, fair, generous, loyal, and funny. Mike will forever be missed by all who knew him. Rest easy, soldier, we'll take it from here. Mike is preceded in death by his mother and father, Maebelle and William England, infant daughter Michelle Lee, fiancée Renae Nelson, grandson William Michael England III, sisters Sybil, Mary Francis, Cora, Sandra, Wanda, Pamela, and Patricia. Mike is survived by sister Glenda James, son William Michael England Jr., daughters Angela (Eric) Kinney, Amanda Nelson, and bonus daughter Tracy "MJ" (Alex) Church. Grandchildren Ashley, Richard, Ryan, Cassandra, Matthew, and Gavin. As well as six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank all of those who offered their time, love, and support. You know who you are. Inurnment with military honors is scheduled at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday Feb. 12, 2026 Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery 10175 Rawiga Rd. Seville, Ohio 44273 Arrangements have been entrusted to Adams Mason Funeral Home 330-535-9186.

Roy James Burnham
Roy James Burnham passed away Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, at his home surrounded by family. He was born in Logan, Alabama and was 96 years old. Funeral service for Roy J. Burnham of Cullman, Alabama will be at noon on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Tim Aris officiating. Burial will follow at Bethlehem West Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Roy was born on Oct. 23, 1929, to David Thomas and Mary E. Burnham and had four brothers and two sisters. Roy worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Akron, Ohio and retired with 35 years of service. Upon early retirement, Roy, Bonnie, and Jon moved back to his home state of Alabama to be near family, farm a little, and Roy loved working with his honeybees. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, son, Stephen Burnham, and grandson, Weston Burnham. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Burnham; daughter, Anita (Ivan) Self; son, Timothy (Cathy) Burnham; son, Jonathan (Jackie) Burnham; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, pharmacists, nurses, emergency responders, and staff involved in Roy's care over the years. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to direct the services for the Burnham Family.

Wanda Lee Reynolds
A chapel service for Wanda Lee Reynolds, 92, of Hanceville will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Reynolds was born Aug. 27, 1933, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Luther and Ruby Nichols. She passed away Jan. 28, 2026, in Hanceville, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Reynolds family.

Jerry Wayne 'Albert' Thomason
Jerry Wayne Thomason, known to most as "Albert," went to be with the Lord on Jan. 28, 2026, at the age of 59. Mr. Thomason was born on May 23, 1966, in Blount County, Alabama, to R.C. Thomason and Ivy Marie Howell Thomason. Albert was a lifelong resident of Blountsville, Alabama, and a member of High Rock Church in Hayden, Alabama. Mr. Thomason loved the water and was a lifeguard and competitive swimmer in his younger years. He also loved to be on the lake and enjoyed fishing. Albert was a good and honest man who worked hard as a carpenter, a trade he had worked in since he was fourteen years old. He enjoyed Alabama football and was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed by many. Those preceding Mr. Thomason in death include his parents, and his siblings, Patricia Davis, Rachel Howell, Jimmy Thomason, Tommy Thomason, Johnny Thomason, Ronny Thomason, and Donny Thomason. Albert's memory will be cherished by his brothers, Barry Thomason and Terry Thomason; daughter in heart, Kaylah; grandchild in heart, Liam; special niece, Jamie (Rodney) Johns; dear friends, Danny and Teresa Collins; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and friends. Friends are invited to join the Thomason family for funeral services on Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, where Danny Collins will officiate. Services begin at noon, and burial will immediately follow in High Rock Cemetery, in Hayden, Alabama. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomason family.

Bobbie Lavell Messersmith
Funeral services for Bobbie Lavell Messersmith, 96, of Cullman will be Jan. 30, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Rev. John Bussman officiating, with interment in the Cullman City Cemetery. The body will lie in state from 10 to 11 a.m. Mrs. Messersmith died Monday, Jan. 26, at home. She was born July 17, 1929, to James LaFayette and Gertie L. Moore Graham. She retired from Cullman products but also worked at various factories during her lifetime such as Cullman Lingerie, King Edward and Gold Kist Hatchery. She also worked in the lunchroom at St. Paul's School and Sacred Heart School. Bobbie has been a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for most of her life. She was a member of the Ladies Aid and the "Jolly Sixties" fellowship group. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edgar Messersmith; four sisters, Margaret LaFaye Graham Teichmiller, Betty Ruth Graham Woodard, Ruble Inagene Graham Livingston; and a brother, James Thomas Graham. She is survived by her son, Phillip (Karen) Messersmith of Alabaster, AL; a daughter, Kathy (Wendell) Burnette of Cullman, AL; four grandsons, Anthony (Amanda) Hill of Cullman, AL, Joshua (Krissy Green) Hill of Cullman, AL, Austin (Anna) Messersmith of Alabaster, AL, and Nathan Messersmith of Alabaster, AL: two granddaughters, Rachel Brauer of Cullman ,AL, and Tonia (Randy) Rogers of Vinemont, AL; Six great-grandchildren, Jennifer Jester (Bernard Gray), Alexzandria Hill, Valerie Hill, Cameron Hill, Cade Brauer, Kelsey Rogers and Clay Rogers; three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and beloved friends. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be given to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 513 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman, AL, 35055. Moss-Service Funeral Home directing.

Cecil Ray Boyd
Cecil Ray Boyd, passed away on Jan. 27, 2026, at the age of 74. Born on Jan. 13, 1952, in Cullman, Alabama, Cecil was a devoted and compassionate person who lived a life filled with love and generosity. Cecil was a resident of Cullman, Alabama, where he spent 55 years working as a hairdresser. His clients were more than just customers; they were part of his extended family, and he loved them dearly. Known for being hard-working, honest, and inspirational, Cecil's gentle and kind-hearted nature touched the lives of everyone he met. Family was at the heart of Cecil's life. He was a devoted father to his daughter, Enika Shalon DuVall (Phillip), and a loving grandfather to Cameron DuVall, Anna DuVall, Daniel DuVall, Ryan DuVall, Ella DuVall, Alyssa DuVall, Emma DuVall, Alexxa DuVall, and Tyler Boyd. Cecil was predeceased by his son, Scott Boyd, his father, Willie Fay Boyd, and his brother-in-law, Dale Holmes. He is survived by his sister, Charlene Lindley (Dewey), and his nieces and nephews: Tammy Bates, Dana Rogers (Terry), Jamie Lindley (Jennifer), Kayla Pigg (Andrew), Leah Young (Jason), JJ Holmes, and Celia Ramos (Taylor). Cecil's love for his grandchildren was profound, and he cherished every moment spent with them. He was a patient, resilient, and selfless man whose thoughtful and wise presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Beyond his family and work, Cecil had a passion for flowers and enjoyed spending time surrounded by their beauty. His sense of humor was a defining trait, bringing joy and laughter to those around him. A Visitation will be held on Feb. 1, 2026, from 1-3 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, located at 1901 Second Ave. Northwest, Cullman, AL 35055-5827. Following the visitation, a Celebration of Life Funeral Service will take place at 3 p.m. at the same location. Cecil will be lovingly remembered by his pallbearers: Cameron Duvall, Ryan Duvall, Daniel Duvall, Phillip Duvall, Bobby Boyd, and Jeff Boyd. Cecil Ray Boyd leaves behind a legacy of loyalty and devotion, and his memory will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to have known him. To leave condolences for the Boyd family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss-Service Funeral Home directing.

Margarette Joyce Persall
Margarette Joyce Simmons Persall was born April 9, 1942, and graduated to Heaven Jan. 26, 2026, at the age of 83. Margarette was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was born in Cullman Alabama to humble beginnings. The challenges of those early years instilled in her a strong work ethic and determination to make the most of every opportunity. On Dec. 17, 1960, she married the love of her life, Gene Persall. This began a remarkable 65-year partnership built on mutual respect, shared labor and unwavering commitment. Together they enjoyed working side by side through every season of life. For 24 years, they worked together at a local manufacturing business. Later, they used their experience and entrepreneurial spirit to build their own apparel manufacturing business, where they poured 15 more years of hard work into something of their own before "retiring" to a life of cattle farming. To her family she was the heart of the home. She was a dedicated wife who stood by Gene through every season of life, a mother who instilled values of confidence, responsibility and a never give up attitude and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother whose strength will continue in the generations that follow. She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, Gene Persall; daughter Sheri (Michael) Flanigan, son Gene (Kellie) Persall Jr., grandchildren Julie Lockette, Javier (Mackenzie) Torres; great-grandchildren Maddie and Callie Rose; her sister Dorothy Baker, brother Roger Simmons and a host of family and friends. Her life was a testament to the power of love, family and hard work. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered. A memorial service will be held at Cullman Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10-11 prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Pauline Holder Holmes
A memorial service for Pauline Holmes, 85, of Cullman will be from 2-4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Roland Belew officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Holmes passed away Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, at her residence. She was born April 12, 1940, to Sherman Brown Holder and Mary Ethel Emmerson Holder. She enjoyed cooking for her family and making cookies for her grandchildren. She also loved to fish. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willis Jerry Holmes; children, Teresa Holder Culver, Tim Holmes; grandson, Heath Pack; great-grandchild, Blake; brothers and sisters, Ruby, James, Bobby, Robert, Carol, Richard, Ron, Don, Shirley. Survivors include her children, Roger Holder (Crickett), LeeAnn Campbell (Russell), Tammy Duckworth (David), Donna Torbert (Steven); grandchildren, Angie, Amber, Madison, Caleb, Wyatt, Brett, Lacey, Allan, Micheal, Justin; great-grandchildren, McKenzie, Trent, Caden, Jace, Savannah, Link, Aiden, Tylan, Morgan, Lexi, Maci, Tyler, Elizabeth; brother, Bruce Holder; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Crystal Lee Henderson
Celebration of life visitation for Crystal Lee Henderson, age 54, of Hanceville, will be Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, from 4-8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Henderson passed away on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, at Baptist Medical Center - Princeton. She was born, Nov. 29, 1971, to Donald Barbee and Brenda Barbee. Crystal worked at Warehouse Discount Grocery in Hanceville for 21 years; she loved her coworkers and made tons of friends while there. She was known for her gentle grace and a heart that served as an anchor for many. She wasn't just the "working type," she was a woman of many passions; she loved her music and loved it "Loud" from Tom MacDonald to Jelly Roll. She was the kind of person who would get lost in her many different types of movies, from Vampire Diaries to Freddie vs. Jason that she would watch over and over again. Next would be her football games, she would cheer loud from the stands or from the couch and it was always "Roll Tide!" Then nobody could cook like her, from her meat loaf to her potato salad... It is sure going to be missed. Her yard was her sanctuary, filled with pink roses and hummingbird plants, and she was a huge animal lover through and through. Her biggest pride and joy were always her family — her husband, children, grandchildren, and all of the others that she helped raise that called her mom. She was preceded in death by her grandchildren, Bradley Tucker and Timothy Greyson Allcorn; father and mother-in-law, Larry A and Margaret Henderson. Survivors include her husband, Brad Henderson; daughter, Morgan (Tim) Allcorn; son, Jordan Henderson; grandchildren, Maliyah and Jake Allcorn and Stormy Henderson; sister, Tina (Michael) Bell; nephews, Derrick and Dylan Bell; parents, Donald Barbee and Brenda Barbee; sisters-in-law, Danette (Keith) Johnson, Theresa (Sam) Benefield and Ginger (Jon) Tucker; and a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends. There will be no formal service, as Crystal's wishes were to be cremated, so please in lieu of flowers consider making a donation to help with her final expenses, this can be done at any Merchants Bank of Alabama location.

Blair David Jett
Blair David Jett, born on Feb.14, 1962, in Santa Rosa, California, passed away on Jan. 21, 2026, at the age of 63. Blair was a resident of Cullman, Alabama.

Elizabeth Ann Keller
Elizabeth Ann Keller, aged 96, passed away peacefully on Jan. 25, 2026. She was born June 21, 1929, to Simon and Ophelia Keller. Ms. Keller was a longtime resident at the Folsom Center and lifelong resident of Cullman. She was in the graduating class of 1947 at Cullman Highschool and went on to work for Deere Electric. She retired after several years as a secretary and enjoyed visiting with her friends at the senior center. Ms. Keller was strong in her faith and was a lifelong member of Christ Lutheran Church in Cullman. Ms. Keller is survived by a host of cousins. A celebration of Life Funeral service will be held Friday Jan. 30, 2026, at noon. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 11 a.m. until the service time at noon. Ms. Keller will be laid to rest in Cullman Memory Gardens. Rev. Larry Duke officiating, Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Melba Jean Bartlett
Melba Jean Bartlett, born on May 26, 1938, in Marshall County, Alabama, passed away on Jan. 24, 2026, at the age of 87. Melba was known and will be remembered for her colorful yard decorations, always painted vibrantly. She was a member of Simcoe Baptist Church. Melba was predeceased by her son, Randy Bartlett; her siblings, Basil, Cecil, Faye, and Wanda; and her parents, Cliff Denney and Lilia York Denney. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Smith (Chuck Hicks); her son, Scott Bartlett (Bethany Bartlett); her grandchildren, Latonia Burden (Jeremy), Jena Bartlett, Daniel Bartlett (Heather), Sabrina Paine (Chuck) and Austin Bartlett; her great-grandchildren, Kaley Riddle (Austin), Henry Paine, and Travis Paine; and her sister, JoAnn Smith (J.D.). A celebration of life visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home on Jan. 29, 2026, from 10 a.m.-noon. A Celebration of Life will follow this at the same location from noon-12:45 p.m. Burial will take place at New Friendship Baptist Church, 2150 New Friendship Rd, Union Grove, AL 35175, from 2-2:15 p.m. on the same day. To leave condolences for the family, please visit Mossservicefh.com. Moss-Service Funeral Home is directing.

Susan Delois Bryan
Susan Delois Bryan, a beloved resident of Falkville, Alabama, passed away on Jan. 25, 2026, at the age of 72. Susan was born on Feb. 18, 1953, in Red Valley, Alabama. She is survived by her children, Michael Whitaker (Amy), Jackie Whitaker (Tina), and Angela Whitaker (Tim). Susan also leaves behind her brothers, Terry Armstrong (Luisa), Wallace Armstrong (Kassandra), and Ricky Armstrong (Paula). She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Armstrong (Elizabeth). Susan was a proud grandmother to seven grandchildren and a great-grandmother to one great-grandchild. Susan dedicated her career to serving others as a Registered Nurse. Her compassionate nature and commitment to her profession touched many lives. A visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, located at 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055-5827, on Jan. 31, 2026, from 2-3 p.m. Following the visitation, a celebration of life funeral service will commence at 3 p.m. at the same location. The service will be officiated by brother, Wallace Armstrong. Susan will be remembered fondly by her family and friends for her kindness and dedication to those she cared for.

Moss Service Funeral Home
1901 Second Avenue Northwest
734-1821 Service You Can Count On

Cullman Marble & Granite Co.
"Memorials of Quality Since 1910" 734-2353

FREE OBITUARY LISTINGS

HAVE YOUR FUNERAL HOME CONTACT US

Email: obits@cullmantribune.com

Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.