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Vinemont council greenlights road projects, Vinemont Sports Complex batting cages pavilion

Gauge Day
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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3, with members approving several infrastructure improvements and community support items during the session.

Council members approved a series of capital and maintenance projects aimed at improving town facilities, roadways and public safety services.

Among the items approved was the replacement of three bay doors at the Vinemont-Providence Volunteer Fire Department, with material costs totaling $7,380.

The council also approved a comprehensive street paving and striping plan covering multiple areas throughout town. Striping work was approved for Federer, Roberson, Johnson, Nesmith, Kelley, Virginia, Lipsey, Oakley and County Road 1297 at a cost of $4,527. Paving projects include Oakley Street at $23,112 and Lipsey Street at $11,114, along with an overlay and striping project on County » PAGE 7

Dripping Springs DAR honors DAR Good Citizens



ATHELIA GIBBS

Left to right are Regent Cathy Shallal, Ella Dickerson (Cold Springs), Zoe Powell (Cullman Christian), Reese Hopper (Cullman), Isaac Graves (Hanceville), Aubrey Bailey (Fairview), Marissa Williams (Holly Pond), Maggie Payne (Vinemont), Madeline Pinion (West Point) and Chair Dr. Nancy Horton.

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at its recent meeting honored DAR Good Citizens from area high schools.

Each school selected a member of its senior class as a DAR Good Citizen, based on dependability, service, leadership and patriotism as shown by their scholastic achievements, extracurricular activities and community service.

Students may also participate in writing an essay on a patriotic topic given to them by the committee.

Students who received DAR Good Citizen awards are:

- Cold Springs High School: Ella Grace Dickerson
- Cullman Christian School: Zoe Allyssa Powell
- Cullman High School: Reese Hopper
- Fairview High School: Aubrey Grace Bailey
- Hanceville High School: Isaac William Graves
- Holly Pond High School: Marissa Christina Williams
- Saint Bernard Preparatory School: Sarah Woods
- Vinemont High School: Maggie Ryan Payne
- West Point High School: Madeline Rae Pinion

The overall Good Citizen chosen by a panel of judges was Maggie Ryan Payne. The overall Essay Winner was Madeline Rae Pinion. Each was awarded $100 by the Dripping Springs chapter.

Each Good Citizen was given a pin and a certificate by Chapter Regent Cathy Shallal. Dr. Nancy Horton, chair of the DAR Good Citizens committee, read excerpts from each of their recommendation letters or essays. The essay winner read her essay.

A reception was held after the ceremony for the students and their parents and guests.

Native Tree Sale set for Feb. 21 at Agriplex

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local green thumbs looking to add native plants to their landscapes will have the opportunity to do so during the upcoming Native Tree Sale hosted by the Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the North Alabama Agriplex.

The sale will run from 9 a.m.-noon, or until inventory is sold out, and will feature a variety of trees and shrubs native to north Alabama that are well suited to » PAGE 5

Father, daughter found dead in Colony; no foul play suspected
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Local nonprofit hosts Women's Health Forum



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker speaks at the 2026 Women's Health Forum on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Cotton Creek.
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Chloe Walker wins 2026 Cullman County Spelling Bee



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Fairview Middle School seventh grader Chloe Walker was the last student standing out of 23 of the area's top spellers at the 99th annual Cullman County Spelling Bee this week. The event took place Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Temple Baptist Church in Cullman. The winning word was "pinnacle."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 4, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 29

• counterfeit $10; State of Alabama; Cherokee Ave. SW

Feb. 2

• unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; theft of property-2nd degree; person; medication

• unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; theft of property-2nd degree; person; pistol; $300

• burglary-3rd degree; person; Main Ave. SW

• harassment; person

Feb. 3

• theft of property-1st degree; person; '05 Chev. Cavalier; $500; Industrial Dr. SW

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $219; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Feb. 2-3

Jones, Braxton C.; 24

• FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)

Reno, Mark D.; 63

• FTA – driving while revoked

• FTA – insurance violation

Thompson, Destiney K.; 28

• FTA – criminal trespass-1st degree (2 counts)

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

• FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 41

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

• FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree

• FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)

• FTA – disorderly conduct

Nugent, Allison R.; 18

• FTA – public intoxication

Holloway, Glen A.; 79

• theft of property-4th degree

James, Angel M.; 29

• theft of property-4th degree

Buford, Johnny R.; 44

• theft of property-4th degree

Murphree, Steven T.; 67

• DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Forum (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Lotus Health hosted the 2026 Women's Health Forum on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Cotton Creek. It was a free event "designed to bring together Alabama women, families, health care experts, educators and government leaders for a full day of learning, support and health resources. The goal of this forum is to highlight and expand the availability of women's health services across the state."

Some of the speakers included Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, Capt. Dr. Edward Porter, Lt. Chad Whaley, Investigator Tim Creel, former Navy SEAL and U.S. Senate candidate Jared Hudson, among others.

Crocker talked about human trafficking cases, as well updates on Aniah's Law, which allows judges to deny bail to individuals accused of serious, violent crimes.

"When it comes to victims and their bond, we try to let the victims know what they have available to them and to get them help," Crocker said.

"A bond condition is they cannot have direct or indirect contact with the victim. If they are on probation or held on bond in order to keep them away from that victim — that can be done until we can go to court for the safety of the victim."

Hudson said every community is affected by human trafficking and child exploitation.

"That reality is what led my wife and me to start Covenant Rescue Group," he said.

"As the father of three young girls, nothing hits closer to home than protecting our children — and that is ultimately what led me to run for the United States Senate. I'm not a career politician chasing power or TV cameras. I'm a husband and a father who has risked everything in service to others — overseas as a Navy SEAL, here at home as a deputy and in the shadows stopping traffickers. Now I'm ready to carry that same service on behalf of the people of this great state to the U.S. Senate. With me as your senator, you'll have a fierce protector who treats your family's safety the same way I treat my daughters': non-negotiable."

Gentry said attendance at the event was good, and he believed the event went well, despite the not-so-good weather.

"I enjoyed being able to speak to the citizens about what we have accomplished over the last 11 years in regard to creating a victim service deputy, the issues with domestic violence and human trafficking," he explained.

"The citizens in attendance were very receptive and appreciative of the hard work of the men and women of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. I'm very excited to hear Chad (Whaley)'s vision that he spoke about in expanding the Victim Service Unit to help victims of crimes across Cullman County."

Whaley chimed in, saying he was honored to have been a part of the forum hosted by Lotus Health.

"I truly believe that training and communication save lives," he said.

"Domestic violence, mental health crises and human trafficking thrive in silence — but they are confronted through collaboration.

"When law enforcement, victim services, mental health professionals and the public share information, speak up and work together, awareness turns into action. The more we communicate, the stronger our response, the safer our communities and the more lives we protect."

Creel said training is a must.

"Dispatchers and responding law enforcement on any call, especially domestic ones, must have training," he shared. "Not only training with escalation, but also sound tactical training. We can't help victims if we become a victim at the scene. The participants stayed on topic, for the most part. I talked to several audience members that learned a lot. Some want more of the same, covering different topics."

Potter gave sobering statistics, saying one in three women and one and seven men are involved in domestic violence.

"It accounts for about 15% of the crime in America," Potter said.

"One of the questions that is often asked: 'Why don't they just leave?' A lot of times the male is the provider for the home, food and welfare of the woman and children. Our community needs more resources for those individuals and families – a place to stay where they can feel secure and safe. Currently there's not enough shelters for women and children to provide that security and safety. Our community has to come together with the churches, nonprofits and more to hammer out a plan for such shelters for individuals and their children.

He continued, "We currently need to improve on our protection from abuse to extend it to people who are not having a relationship. Currently our protection order only protects those individuals who are having a relationship with their abuser.

"If a young lady had a stalker that she has never had a relationship with, she could not get a protection order, and this needs to change in the state of Alabama."

Potter said he thought all the speakers did an excellent job at the forum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, Feb. 6 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Feb. 8 – 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. Healing service at 5 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.
• Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m. Storytime with Rachel McFarland leading the children's Valentine Party
• Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 11 a.m. Spanish class with Alejandra Pena
• Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m. Storytime with Melissa Porter
• Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 10 a.m. North Alabama Agriplex storytime and book club led by Briana Taylor
• Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hanceville Irish Festival and BOOK SALE

30th Annual Big Band Dance
Friday, Feb. 6, from 7-9 p.m. at Loft 212. Swing the night away! Featuring the Cullman High School Jazz Band. Admission is $10 per person.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph Dr. NW in Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

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.

Vinemont Valentine's Day-Themed Senior Community Luncheon
Monday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center, 88 Ridgeway St. Candlelight Valentine's luncheon, with pasta, salad and bread. Door prizes. Rodger Walling will be sharing the history of Vinemont and encouraging seniors to share memories of Vinemont. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/townofsouthvinemont or call 256-737-5311. Free. Open to all seniors across the county.

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

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Colony (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. — Two people were found dead in a van near a residence in Colony on Tuesday morning, Feb. 3. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick on Tuesday night identified the decedents as father and daughter Carthel Morgan, 63, and Felicia Morgan, 37, both of Colony. He said the cause of death was methamphetamine overdose.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) earlier Tuesday said there was no evidence of foul play.

The Cullman County Coroner's Office and CCSO investigated the deaths.

The CCSO said in a statement Tuesday morning, "The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is currently assisting the Cullman County Coroner's Office in an active death investigation in the Colony community. At approximately 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, two individuals were found deceased inside a van at a residence in Colony. At this time, there is no evidence of foul play. The incident appears to be isolated, and there is no danger to the public. This remains an active and ongoing investigation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available."

No further details are available.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Wallace State cheer finishes second nationally at 2026 UCA Nationals

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WSCC Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Cheer turned in a standout performance on the national stage, finishing second in the nation at the 2026 Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) Nationals in the Open Small Coed Cheer Division.

The Lions claimed the national runner-up spot after a strong showing against top programs nationwide, finishing just behind Northwest Community College. The result caps a successful season for Wallace State Cheer and further establishes the program as one of the nation's elite junior college squads.

Under the direction of head coach Kevin Yates and assistant coach Darion Mitchell, Wallace State delivered a high-energy routine that showcased athleticism, precision and teamwork. The Lions' performance reflected months of preparation and a collective commitment to excellence, culminating in a podium finish at one of cheerleading's premier national competitions.

The Wallace State roster featured a strong blend of experience and new talent.

Sophomores on the squad included Shyla Armistad, Ashley Benefield, Evelyn Daniels, Morgan Godfrey, Gabriela Green, Kenlee Hall, Madeline Hallmark, Omari Nelson, Gracelyn Peterson, David Springer and Adyson Wallace.

Freshmen contributing to the national runner-up finish were Kylee Broadle, Addyson Burgess, Marley Croxton, Ashlyn Danecker, Rachel Dueland, Mack Dumas, Laney Duval, Addi Dyer, Taylor French, Kaitlyn Godfrey, Morgan Godfrey, Cole Green, Emery Hester, Jed Hollis, Tori Kay, KayTi Murillo, Jassalyn Nichols, JC Patterson, and Jo-Anna Phillips.

Throughout the season, the Lions demonstrated consistency, resilience, and competitive toughness, qualities that were on full display at nationals. The second-place finish is among the highest national results in program history and highlights the continued growth of Wallace State Cheer.

With a strong foundation in place and national recognition now secured, Wallace State Cheer looks poised to remain a force on the national stage in the seasons to come.



RUSSELL FRYE/WSCC SPORTS INFORMATION

WSCC 2026 cheer team

PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman celebrates senior night with a 62-30 rout of Hanceville

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Closing out another 20-win regular season under head coach Stu Stuedeman, Cullman's varsity boys hosted Hanceville on Tuesday night. After honoring the second-winningest senior class in school history before the game, an all-senior starting five trotted out to tip it off. The Bulldogs played as well as a team could in their situation, keeping it within the realm of possibility for a comeback at halftime, but the Bearcats slammed the door on that early in the third, running away with a 62-30 victory.

Opening scoring, Colt Bentley three for the Bulldogs.

Cullman heated up from deep shortly after, rattling off three straight from deep by Sam Dorough, Everett Swindall and Max Brooks to make it 11-3.

Bentley was in command of Hanceville's offense, scoring on a driving layup and a mid-range jumper to respond to the 'Cats run.

A usual starter, big man Brooks Loftin finally checked in halfway through the quarter, and recorded a nice put-back layup and a swing pass out to Graves on a three. Cullman ended the first quarter up 18-9.

While acknowledging his appreciation for his senior class and noting their achievements, Stuedeman admitted the senior night tradition of starting all seniors can sometimes interfere with the team's rhythm. He credited the unorthodox rotations to a slow start, despite the lead.

Dorough, recently returned from injury, gave the Bearcats a quick bucket to open the second quarter.

After a three by Hanceville's Sam Abney, Loftin began heating up inside.

A two-handed jam, a pair of free throws and a smooth jumper from the elbow pushed Cullman towards another solid lead at the half, up 29-16.

With the area tournaments beginning this weekend, getting the Bearcats' star duo of Dorough and Loftin back in rhythm has been a priority. In the third quarter, they showed they're ready.

In transition, Dorough found Loftin down-court on a football-style pass for a layup in the middle of the 15-0 run that opened the half.

The ball movement, shot selection, press defense and activity on the boards all fueled the heater that had Cullman up 44-16 midway through the period.

Hanceville's Kade Schulz would hit two straight threes late in the third, but it was too steep a hill to climb.

Finishing the senior night game, Cullman had a chance to give some run to the young guns, with sophomore Sawyer Perry, freshman Costa Burks and Swindall, an eighth grader, all scoring to cap off a 62-30 win for the Bearcats.

Leading Cullman in scoring was sophomore Brooks Loftin, who finished the night with 12 points. Behind him, Fletcher finished with 10. Dorough, Swindall, Bryce Burden and Owen Graves all put up five.

"I love what we are defensively, we're still trying to get our rhythm back offensively. We gotta start making shots, but our pressure, our defense can be elite. We will make some shots, we gotta keep getting good ones and keep rebounding," Stuedeman said on his team heading into the area tournament. "Once we get that rhythm going, I think we'll be a really dang good team."

The Bearcats face Mortimer Jordan on Saturday at noon at Cullman High School in the first round of the 6A, Region 13 tournament.

Cullman won both meetings this season, and would surely like to move on to the championship for a chance to knock off rival Jasper, who defeated them twice in their two meetings in January.

PREP BASKETBALL

Holly Pond leaves Addison with two blowout victories to close out their regular season

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Contributor

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted Holly Pond in boys and girls matches on Monday night, and the Bulldogs were hoping to exact some revenge on the Broncos since they swept them just a handful of days ago. That wouldn't happen, however, as Holly Pond soundly defeated both Bulldog teams. The Lady Broncos obliterated the Lady Bulldogs 57-21, while the Broncos kicked the mud out of the Bulldog boys 56-27 and neither game felt even as close as the final score indicated.

Holly Pond 57 – Addison 21
(Varsity Girls)

The game started well for the Lady Bulldogs as they jumped out 2-0 on a Ava Bartlett layup. It was all downhill from there, as Holly Pond ran off 23 straight points and Addison didn't score the rest of the first period. Addison couldn't get a shot as the Lady Broncos pressured the young 'Dawgs relentlessly. The Lady Broncos had 10 steals in the period alongside a balanced scoring effort. Lady Bronco Maggie Nail led with eight points and two steals. Sadie Nail had a great period with eight points, five rebounds and two steals. Maddie Butts had five points while Kylie Twilley had three steals. Addison was led by Bartlett's two points and three rebounds.

The second period started and it didn't get any better for the Lady Bulldogs as Holly Pond scored the first 16 points of the second. The Ladies from Holly Pond actually had scored 39 straight points as they led Addison 39-2. Addison's Ava Bartlett hit a five-foot shot at the 1:45 mark of the second to stop the streak and cut the Bronco lead to 35. The Lady Broncos rolled Addison 16-2 in second and went into the half leading 39-4. Holly Pond's Sadie Nail had eight points while Millie Huddleston had five. Maddie Butts had three more steals for the Lady Broncos.

The second half was a lot closer, with Holly Pond emptying the bench. Holly Pond won the third period 11-7 to go into the fourth ahead 50-11. Addison was led by Ava Bartlett with five points and five boards. Emma Cleghorn hit a pair of free throws for the other two Addison points. Bronco Mallory Hartline had five points to lead the Lady Broncos. Sadie Nail, Huddleston and Lily Mae Allbright each had two points in the period.

In the fourth period, the Lady Bulldogs actually won the frame 10-7, but lost the game 57-21. Addison's Braylee Bartlett and Chaisly Obrien had three points each. Saibre Dover had four rebounds and Hadley Welch had three to lead Addison in the period. Holly Pond's Huddleston had four points and three boards while Twilley had a bucket for the Lady Broncos.

Unofficial stats:

Addison was led in scoring by Ava Bartlett with 11 points, nine rebounds and two blocks. Cleghorn had four points and five rebounds. O'Brien had three points and three rebounds. Braylee Bartlett had three points. Dover had six boards while Welch had four rebounds.

Holly Pond was led by Sadie Nail with a game high 18 points, eight boards and two steals. Huddleston had 11 points, five boards, two assists and four steals. Hartline had nine points. Maggie Nail had eight points, three assists and three steals. Butts had five points, three rebounds and four steals. Twilley had two points, four boards and six steals. Ava Thomas had two points and three rebounds. Allbright had two points.

Holly Pond 56 –
Addison 27
(Varsity Boys)

Just like in the girls game, Addison scored first. Connor Lane hit a ten foot jumper to put Addison up 2-0, and Holly Pond responded with 18 straight points to take a commanding lead at the end of the first. It started with a Cade Allbright layup, then a Fox Westall trey, then Asher Thrift had a bucket and Ty Dunn hit a trey. With Addison unable to respond, the Broncos would get a couple of free throws by Cash Huddleston and a pair of Westall and Dunn treys and before you knew it, Holly Pond led 18-2.

Holly Pond didn't relent. They couldn't miss, while Addison had one of the worst shooting nights of the year. They were missing long jumpers, mid-range jumpers and even free throws and top of that, they couldn't rebound. It was a horrible first half for the Bulldogs while the Broncos were firing on all cylinders.

Holly Pond took the second period 12-6 to go into the half with a steep 31-8 lead. Addison's Elijah Roberts, Kiah Lake and Kyeler Hill each had a bucket for the Bulldogs. Lake also led the Bulldogs with four boards. The Broncos' Allbright had a big period with four points and six rebounds. Thrift had three points, four boards and two assists.

The third period was better for Addison as they actually scored 12 points but the Broncos scored 15. Bulldog Joey Wilson had four points while Scout Flynn had three points. Holly Pond was led by Meighton McParlin with six points. Westall had four points and two assists. Holly Pond led 46-20 at the end of the third.

The fourth period was a back-and-forth period with Holly Pond taking it 10-7 and the game 56-27. Roberts led Addison with five points. Cash Turner had a pair of free throws. Holly Pond's Thrift had seven points and McParlin had two.

Unofficial Stats:

Addison was led by Roberts with seven points and three rebounds. Lake had four points and boards each. Wilson had four points and two rebounds. Flynn had three points and four boards. Lane had three points. Joe Hacker had two points and two rebounds. Hill had two points and a rebound. Zeke Wiggins had three rebounds and Turner had two points and two boards.

Holly Pond was led by Thrift with a game high 14 points, six rebounds and three assists. Westall had 10 points, four boards and four assists. Allbright had nine points, 12 rebounds and two blocks. Dunn had nine points and three rebounds. McParlin had eight points, two rebounds and three assists. Huddleston had six points, three rebounds and two assists.

PREP BASKETBALL

Priceville holds off Good Hope in top-10 girls matchup, 52-49

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PRICEVILLE, Ala. — The fourth-ranked Good Hope Lady Raiders took the court for the first time since the county championship game on Tuesday night, as they traveled to take on the sixth-ranked Priceville Lady Bulldogs. Both teams started out strong offensively, with Good Hope holding a slim lead at the half. The game continued to be close throughout the second half, but a late run by Priceville helped them get past the Lady Raiders, 52-49.

The Lady Raiders' first two possessions resulted in threes from Ella Gossett and Lucie Adams and gave them an early 6-2 lead.

Ella Davis collected a rebound and putback and later added a trey to put Good Hope ahead 11-7 with 5:20 remaining in the first period.

A pair of baskets down low by Priceville tied the game up at 11, but Good Hope quickly broke the tie with a 7-0 run, as a basket in the paint by Davis, a pair of free throws by Sophie Konrad, and a trey by Adams gave them an 18-11 lead with 3:24 remaining in the first quarter. The Lady Bulldogs went on a 7-3 run to trim it to three at 21-18, but Konrad hit a lefty layup to put the Lady Raiders ahead, 23-18, going into the second.

Gossett's third trey of the game gave Good Hope a 26-18 lead early in the second period.

Priceville, though, drilled a trio of treys as part of an 11-5 run to put them ahead, 29-28, with a little over three minutes to go in the first half. Davis knocked down a basket to give the Lady Raiders the lead right back at 30-29 at the half.

Priceville's 8-3 run to start out the second half gave them a 37-33 lead.

Marshall's steal and layup cut it to 37-35, then later in the third, Konrad and Davis each drained a trey to give Good Hope a 41-37 lead.

A late basket by the Lady Bulldogs cut it to 41-39 going into the final period.

For the second straight quarter, Priceville went on a run, as their 6-0 run put them ahead, 45-41. A rebound and putback by Konrad and a driving layup by Adams tied things up at 45.

The Lady Bulldogs, though, countered with their biggest run of the game, as they scored six straight points to take a 51-45 lead late in the fourth. The Lady Raiders, though, made things really interesting in the end.

Davis knocked down a pair of free throws to trim it to four at 51-47, then Konrad collected a huge steal and hit a basket down low to cut it to two.

Priceville split their free throws to make it a 52-49 game, and Good Hope's three at the end was off the mark, as the Lady Bulldogs ended up holding off the Lady Raiders at the end, 52-49.

Davis led the way for Good Hope with 16 points. Konrad added 11 points.

Gossett put in nine points. Adams collected eight points, and Marshall posted five points.

The Lady Raiders will be hosting the Class 4A, Area 13 tournament on Friday night, and will take on Danville at 5:30 p.m.

Renovations underway at Hubert Richter Memorial Chapel

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Hubert Richter Memorial Chapel (the "Tiny Church") in downtown Cullman is currently undergoing renovations, with the goal of preserving the landmark's historic charm while restoring it to its original condition.

Cullman Mayor's Assistant Leanne West said the project includes identifying and repairing both interior and exterior issues, refinishing the chapel's floors and benches, and repainting the building inside and out, along with other necessary improvements.

"These updates are being completed to preserve the character of the chapel and restore it to its original and intended condition," West said.

City officials anticipate that renovations will be completed and the chapel reopened for reservations by early March, though the timeline is weather-dependent due to the nature of some of the work. West emphasized that the renovations will not change how the chapel is used or its role in the community.

The Hubert Richter Memorial Chapel will continue to remain unlocked and open to the public at all times, as originally intended.

"The chapel will continue serving as a quiet and welcoming place for prayer, reflection and personal moments of peace," West said.

Those wishing to use the chapel for weddings, vow renewals or other organized services should contact the City of Cullman Mayor's Office at 256-775-7102 or lwest@cullmanal.gov to reserve the space and coordinate scheduling.

West said preserving the chapel as an open and accessible space remains a priority for the City, noting that openness was central to its original purpose.

"Built in memory of Hubert Richter, the chapel was designed to remain unlocked and accessible at all times. Its openness reflects a spirit of generosity, inclusivity and community care, ensuring that people can find peace there without barriers, appointments or restrictions," she said.

During the renovation period, the City is also encouraging the community to share their precious memories and photos of the chapel to highlight the many ways it has woven itself into Cullman residents' lives over the years.

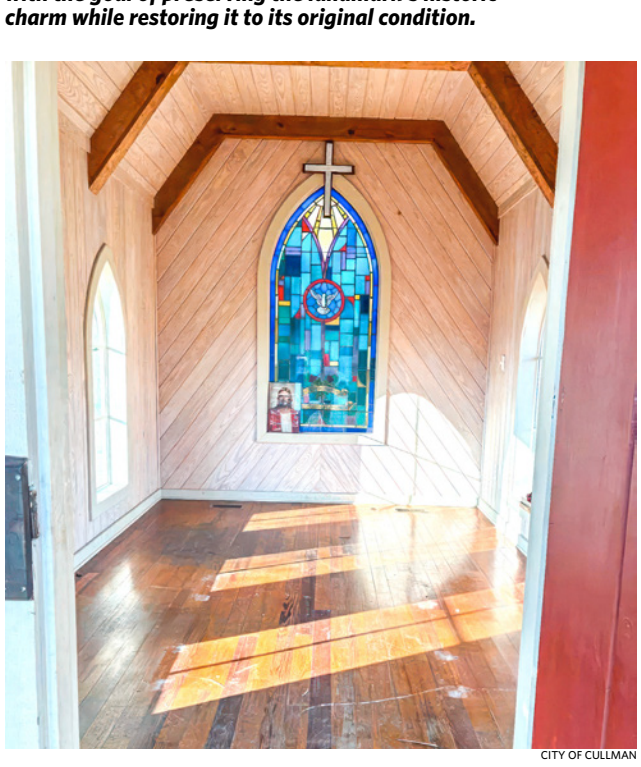
Said West, "From weddings and vow renewals to quiet moments of reflection, the chapel holds countless personal stories. This is an opportunity to reflect on its significance, celebrate those memories and recognize the deep connection our community has with this special place."

The chapel is located at 419 First Ave. SE.



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CITY OF CULLMAN

CPRST announces upcoming lineup of family events

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism has announced a slate of upcoming community events ranging from youth recreation and theater to one of the area's most popular annual pageants.

The schedule includes a youth Nerf battle fundraiser in February, registration for the Miss Strawberry Festival Pageant and Cullman Community Theatre's spring production of "Matilda the Musical."

Kids vs. Cops Nerf battle set for Feb. 7

The OmniPlex will host Nerf: Kids vs. Cops on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m.-noon.

The event pits children aged 4 to 12 against members the Cullman Police Department in a friendly Nerf battle designed to combine fun with community engagement. The event also serves as a fundraiser benefiting the CPD's Shop with a Cop program.

Participants are asked to bring their own Nerf gun. The cost is $20 per child, and space is limited.

The event will take place at the Cullman OmniPlex. Get more info and register at https://tinyurl.com/Nerf-WarCops.

Miss Strawberry Festival Pageant registration opens Feb. 16

Registration for the 2026 Miss Alabama Strawberry Festival Pageant will open Feb. 16.

The pageant, scheduled for April 11, welcomes contestants ranging from infant through high school age and is a longstanding tradition tied to the annual Alabama Strawberry Festival. The event emphasizes confidence, community involvement and festival spirit.

Those interested are encouraged to register early, as participation spots typically fill quickly. Get more info and register at www.alabamastrawberryfest.com/miss-alabama-strawberry-pageant.

Cullman Community Theatre presents "Matilda the Musical" March 5–7

Cullman Community Theatre will present "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical" Friday-Sunday, March 5-7, in the Cullman High School auditorium.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. each night, with a Sunday matinee on March 7 at 2 p.m. The production features local performers bringing the popular musical to the stage. Early bird tickets are currently available at a $5 discount through Feb. 13. Tickets are limited. Get them at https://cullmancotheatre.ludus.com/index.php.

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanparksrec or www.cullmanrecreation.org.

Sadie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sadie is a shepherd and wire-haired terrier mix, approximately 1.5 years old, with a medium to high energy level and a heart that finds its peace right beside you. She's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Sadie seeks closeness, not out of neediness, but out of trust, choosing to stay near the person she feels safe with.

She thrives on positive encouragement and gentle affirmation.

Tell her she is a very good girl and she believes it with her whole being. That responsiveness to kindness makes Sadie a natural companion and a wonderful therapy-type dog.

Smart, attentive and already house trained, Sadie is ready to step seamlessly into a loving home.

In her quiet moments, she shows her truest self, leaning in, staying close, offering comfort without asking for anything in return.

Sadie's adoption fee is $130, which covers her spay, vaccinations, microchipping and routine veterinary care.

It is a small cost for a lifetime of loyalty, affection and companionship.

She is a sweet soul in every sense of the phrase, and once she chooses you, she stays. Sadie has a way of tugging at your heartstrings simply by being who she is.

If Sadie feels like the kind of dog who belongs right by your side, she is waiting.

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

Sale (from Front)

the region's growing conditions. A total of 14 native species are expected to be available, though selections may vary depending on nursery availability.

Tree species planned for the sale include northern catalpa, black gum, black walnut, eastern redbud, white flowering dogwood, American persimmon, sassafras and yellow buckeye. Shrubs and small tree varieties will include American elderberry, arrowwood viburnum, pawpaw, spice bush, sweet shrub and common witch hazel. All plants will be sold as bare-root seedlings, approximately 12 inches tall, at a cost of $3 each.

Dr. Kira Sims, director of the Cullman County Extension Office, gave her thoughts on why this is a perfect time to get hold of these native trees.

"Purchasing and planting native species supports native wildlife and pollinator activity," Sims said. "Some of the plants available can also be difficult to find at local nurseries. Purchasing these plants as small, bare-root seedlings and planting them in the winter months eases transplant shock and increases the opportunity of the plants to thrive."

All plants will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis, and customers are encouraged to arrive early to improve their chances of purchasing preferred species. Sims shared that all proceeds from the sale will support natural resources youth education programs in Cullman County.

For additional information about the Native Tree Sale, contact Dr. Kira Sims at 256-737-9386.

Additionally, in the weeks leading up to the event, the planning committee plans to highlight individual plant species to help residents learn more about what will be available. Follow the Cullman County Natural Resources Planning Committee on Facebook for those details.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tallyho St. SW, Cullman.

Dance (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman High School Jazz Band will celebrate a milestone with its 30th annual Big Band Dance on Friday, Feb. 6, from 7-9 p.m. at Loft 212.

The event will feature live music performed by the CHS Jazz Band, an audition-based ensemble made up of students in grades nine through 12. The group specializes in jazz, blues, Latin and contemporary styles.

For three decades, the Big Band Dance has brought students, families and community members together for an evening centered on live music and tradition. Unlike most school dances, the event is open to all ages, welcoming middle school students, high school students and adults to enjoy the performance together.

The jazz band typically includes 18 to 23 students and emphasizes improvisation and a wide range of musical styles. Selections will include classic big band pieces inspired by The Glenn Miller Orchestra and The Duke Ellington Orchestra, along with Latin and blues selections.

The event also offers an opportunity for former band members and alumni to reconnect. Former Cullman band student Katherine Clark said the Big Band Dance stood out from other school dances because of its atmosphere and music.

"It was always more elegant and classy than a typical teenage dance," Clark said. "It gave you a chance to dress up, go out with your friends or a date and still be in a nice, respectful environment. The band always put a lot of care and effort into the music, and you could really feel that."

Clark said one of her favorite memories was watching an older couple who attended the dance each year and regularly took to the floor together, becoming a familiar and beloved sight for students.

Admission is $10 per person, with proceeds supporting the Cullman High School Jazz Band. Loft 212 is located at 212 Fourth St. SW, Cullman.



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Library to host Friends Meet and Greet Feb. 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library will host a Meet and Greet event Thursday, Feb. 12, from 4-6 p.m., inviting community members to come out, enjoy fellowship and coffee, and learn more about the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County (FPLCC). The event will give attendees an opportunity to meet members of the FPLCC, a nonprofit organization that supports local libraries through fundraising, volunteerism and advocacy.

FPLCC members will be present to share why they are involved with the organization, how the group supports libraries across the county and how community members can get involved, whether they are interested in joining for the first time or reconnecting after past involvement.

"A healthy Friends group is crucial to the success of a public library," Shelby Creekmore, assistant director of the Cullman County Public Library System, said.

"In addition to raising funds, Friends members provide advocacy and volunteer support that helps strengthen library services and programs."

In the past, the Friends have supported library initiatives by providing materials for programs, such as pumpkins for the annual pumpkin painting contest; organizing fundraising events, like the Storybook 5K, for the library's capital campaign; and volunteering to lead programs and events.

Creekmore said one of the most impactful roles of the FPLCC is advocating for the library within the community and helping educate the public about available services and ongoing needs.

Recently, the FPLCC has shifted its focus toward greater community outreach and advocacy.

While fundraising remains part of the organization's mission, new initiatives include managing Little Free Libraries, expanding volunteer opportunities and building community partnerships.

To encourage participation and remove barriers to involvement, FPLCC membership fees have been waived.

"We want everyone to feel welcome and supported in joining the Friends. Even if someone doesn't have extra funds to give, donating time and passion can make a meaningful difference," said Creekmore.

The Meet and Greet is open to the public and will take place at the Cullman County Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 4-6 p.m.

Organizers said they look forward to welcoming new and returning faces and sharing why the Friends love supporting local libraries.

The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE in Cullman. Find it online at www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem.



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
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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. 2026-20 (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 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. 2026-16 (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.

Vinemont (from Front)

Road 1296 in front of newly constructed homes within municipal limits for $19,125. Additional roadway repairs include work on Park Drive, totaling $4,690.

Additionally, the council approved adding 15 new parking spaces behind the storm shelter at the Vinemont Community Center at a cost of $24,400.

Altogether, the approved paving and roadway improvements total $86,968.

Council members also approved a $500 direct support donation to the Vinemont Anchor Club, recognizing the organization's role in serving and supporting local students.

In recreational improvements, the council approved funding for a pavilion to be constructed over the batting cages at the Vinemont Sports Complex.

The estimated cost for the project is $40,000 and is intended to provide weather protection and improved usability for athletes and families.

The meeting concluded with updates on upcoming events:

- The next senior citizens' community luncheon will be held at the Vinemont Community Center on Feb. 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be held at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow at 6. Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.

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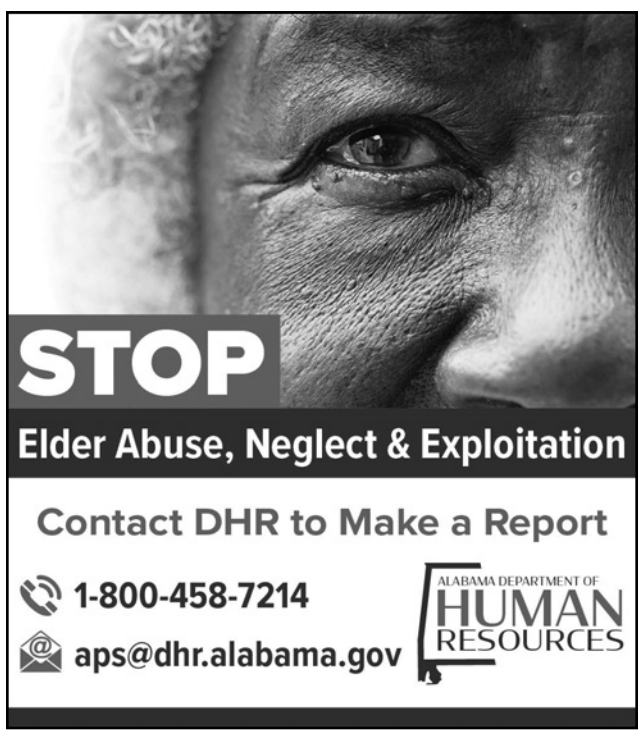
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KENNETH JUNIOR HARRINGTON, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-052**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* has been filed by KAREN SEARS, Petitioner, on the 27th day of January, 2026, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Karen Sears
Petitioner

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
412 4th Ave SW, Suite 270
Cullman, AL 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune*** :

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 2nd day of February, 2026.

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

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 Lawrence E Gorff, Tammy Gorff to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Top Flite Financial, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 4, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on August 9, 2023 in Deed Book 2059, Page 131 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE by assignment to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE, 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 5, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 11 of Shaws Holly Estates as recorded in Slide B62A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **171 Turkey Hop Rd, Holly Pond, AL 35083** .

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

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

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

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.

DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE
as holder of said mortgage

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Cullman Tribune

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ELTON LEON KING, * CASE NO.: PC2025-436
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Clint Jammison King, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELTON LEON KING, deceased, on the 2nd day of February, 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.

Clint Jammison King
Personal Representative

Rodney Edmondson
Attorney for the Petitioner
130 N. Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

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 2nd day of February, 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

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

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
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Birmingham, AL 35203
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Former firefighter talks fire hazards

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Former firefighter Duncan Warner recently talk about some common household fire hazards.

Phones

One cause of household fires in Warner's experience has been individuals leaving phones under their pillows. Whether it is charged or not, he advised that lithium ion batteries get too hot and can explode.

"The majority of the fires that happen in non-cold weather seasons are phones," he said.

When you charge your phone, keep it on your bedside table, uncovered and ensure your bedspread or curtains aren't hanging over the outlet.

Vapes

"The coils in vapes get too hot and can potentially blow the battery up," Warner said, regarding leaving them plugged up overnight unattended.

He also warned if they are too hot, there is a possibility thet can blow up during use.

To avoid this issue, unplug the device when fully charged and be aware of any device recalls.

Heaters

"While in colder weather it is usually space heaters that have collected dust all (year) and haven't been plugged up in months. Also gas heaters that haven't been on," he said.

Keep this in mind during these cold months and prepare ahead of next winter.

Vents

"Dryer vents need to be cleaned out more often; that catches on fire a lot, too." Warner said.

This is also true of ventilation fans that are most commonly found in bathrooms. The motors collect dust and when turned on with excessive build up, can catch fire.

With dryers, keep the lint trap clean, but also be aware of dryer lint buildup in the ductwork on the back of the machine.



Obituary Announcements: Feb. 3-4

Donald Eugene Skinner, 74
Funeral service with military honors for Donald Eugene Skinner, 74, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026, at Living Faith Baptist Church with interment in Jones Chapel Cemetery, Rev. Larry Brown officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Skinner passed away Feb. 2, 2026, at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born April 12, 1951, to Cleo Chester and Velma Mae Vance Skinner. He served his country in the United States Navy stationed with the Marines as a Hospital Corpsman. Donald was a member of Living Faith Baptist Church. He was an Auburn fan and he loved talking politics. He was truly a great man--one who loved God with his whole heart, cherished his wife, and adored his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren beyond measure. He served his country with pride, honor, and quiet strength, and that pride was something we all felt. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Louise Maze and an infant brother, Billy Skinner. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Linda Skinner; son, Scotty (Tanya) Skinner; daughters, Amy (Mike) Whitaker, Lisa (Chris) Holt, Tera (Seth Givens) Skinner, Natasha (Wendell) Talley; brother, Chester Skinner; grandchildren, Sierra (Kevin) Baldwin, Savanah (Ben) Vandiver, Abby (Dustin) Miller, Malachi Holt, Makinnon Holt, Ethan Bagwell, Elizabeth Bagwell, Bryant Talley, Keylee Talley; great-grandchildren, Ava Baldwin, Eliza Baldwin, Thomas Miller, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Malachi Holt, Makinnon Holt, Leslie Bagwell, John Brannon, Aiden Tankerslay, Ethan O'Rear. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Shelby Jean Davis, 83
Shelby Jean Davis age 83 of Bremen, Alabama passed away Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026. Shelby is preceded in death by her brothers Walter Allen (Ruby) Brown and Buell (Freda) Brown; and sisters Vonda Lee (GW) Atkins, Mattie Vee (Charles) Campbell, and Jimmie Nell (Sam) Yates. She is survived by her husband of 67 years and 8 months, Byron Wayne Davis; sons David Wayne Davis and Michael Byron Davis; grandson James Edwin Davis; great-granddaughter Aleigha Belle Davis; and brother Joel Raymond (Gala) Brown. Shelby will be laid to rest at Corinth Church of Christ Cemetery Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, at 1 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Hugh Ellis Huggins, 88
Hugh Ellis Huggins, age 88, of Decatur, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2026, at Riverside Assisted Living Center. Mr. Huggins was born in Blount County, Alabama on Jan. 24, 1938, to Guy and Nettie Ellis Huggins. He was a faithful member of Decatur Baptist Church for more than 60 years, where he served in many roles, always preferring to work behind the scenes rather than in the spotlight. Over the years, Hugh was inspired by The Brady Bunch and dreamed of traveling with his family—journeys that took them across the West and all the way to Florida. He gave sacrificially of himself to create lasting memories. He also enjoyed camping, canoeing, yard work, and birdwatching. Hugh worked for Monsanto Company as a forklift operator and played football in the company league. He was an avid Alabama football fan—"Roll Tide"—and his final spoken word was "Amen," after a family member said those beloved words. Known to some as "Hoppy," he was best known as Pa-Paw to his grandchildren, who adored him deeply. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Nettie Huggins; brothers, Johnny and Wayne Huggins; and sister, Juanita Buckner. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jo Ann Huggins; children, Michael (Sarah) Huggins, Pam (Bill) Vaughn, and Christy (Eddie) Johns; grandchildren, Alex (Shelly) Huggins, Thomas "T.C." Williams, Audrey Ann (Jacob) Smith, Cam (Madison) Johns, and Kristie (James) Edwards; great-grandchildren, Tatum Huggins, Xander Huggins, Josie Ann Smith, Wyatt Johns, and Lucie Edwards; sisters, Frances (Bill) Barnett and Nancy (John) Gentry; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2026, at 3 p.m. at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home, with Reverend Benny Sivley officiating. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until service time on Thursday at the funeral home. Hugh will be laid to rest at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur.

Jennifer Leigh Miller, 52
Funeral services for Jennifer Leigh Miller, 52, of Hanceville will be 12 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Etha Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 5, from 6-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Miller was born Nov. 6, 1973. She passed away Feb. 3, 2026. Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband, Michael Miller; children, Austin Heath Blair (Heather Blair), Mackenzie Leighann Miller (Skye Zentento), Alexis Morelle Firlik, Michael Montgomery Miller; several grandchildren; and her brother, Matt Lee Black. Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her father, Darrell Black; mother, Sheila Striker Black; son, Samuel Corey Black; and grandparents, Erwin and Opal Black. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Miller family.

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