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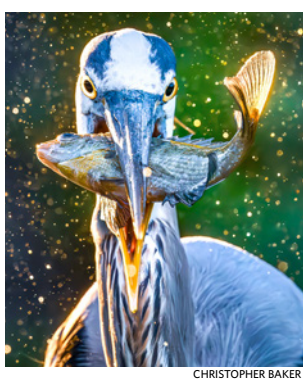
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Fairview council talks ballpark improvements, new pickleball courts

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Town Council at its Monday, March 2, meeting began with attendees praying for Former Mayor Randall Shedd as he prepares for a medical procedure this week.

During updates on ongoing projects, the council reported improvements at the town ballpark are nearing completion. New lights and a backstop have been installed at the fields, and renovations to the park bathrooms are almost finished. The bathrooms now feature new flooring, ceilings and lighting, with toilets scheduled to be installed soon. Temporary portable restrooms have been ordered.

Work has also begun on the town's new pickleball courts, though the council said recent rain slowed initial dirt work. A newly constructed maintenance building at the park is now operational, and council members approved moving forward with additional work to enclose the building with a budget of up to $15,000. Officials said some of the cost will be offset by the sale of unused Conex storage containers.

The council also approved purchasing new basketball goal poles for the town's court and discussed improvements to softball batting areas, including new netting estimated to cost between $1,000 and $2,500.

Participation in the town's youth baseball program has reached 223 players this season, the highest total in recent years, according to town officials. The town recently hosted CPR certification training for coaches and volunteers, certifying 16 participants. Council members also discussed community partnerships, » PAGE 8

– PREP BASKETBALL –

Good Hope, Cullman advance to state championship games



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Good Hope's Ella Gossett



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Cullman's Sam Dorough

Gossett's defense, Konrad's 20 points lead no. 4 Good Hope back to the State Championship with 61-45 win over no. 9 Montgomery Catholic

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Lady Raiders are State Championship-bound once again.

Fourth-ranked Good Hope met a scrappy, physical ninth-ranked Montgomery Catholic team at Legacy Arena on Tuesday afternoon. Good Hope's identity of team basketball on both ends of the floor were apparent, with smothering defense and physical board work on offense leading to a sizable 27-13 halftime lead. In the second half, despite finding the bucket more, » PAGE 4

'These kids have that 22-pound heart': Cullman wins a 61-56 overtime thriller over Calera to advance to State Championship

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Bearcats are riding their identity of 'CHAOS.' right back into the State Championship.

On Wednesday morning, the Cullman Bearcats and Calera Eagles met at Legacy Arena for their 6A Final Four matchup. The two had played prior this season in the midst of Cullman's shaky January, with the Bearcats dropping a 53-45 contest on the road.

For the first three quarters, it looked like Calera had the formula to » PAGE 5

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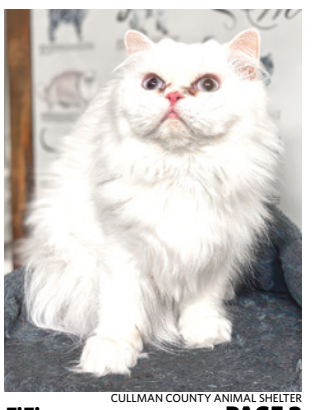


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Guests enjoy various casino-style games at Casino Night on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026.
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PET OF THE WEEK

FiFi the Persian is equal parts playful and poised



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
FiFi
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 2

• criminal trespass-2nd degree; person; Skyview Dr. SE

ARRESTS

March 2-3

Swann, Larry J.; 62
• FTA – expired tag
• FTA – driving without license
• FTA – fail to register vehicle

Gillis, Norman M.; 59
• public lewdness

Bullard, Warren A.; 28
• criminal trespass-2nd degree

Holcomb, Harley S.; 27
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Albright, Joshua A.; 40
• FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA – expired tag

Hudson, Joshua D.; 42
• making a terrorist threat-2nd degree

Moore, Tina N.; 47
• GJ – retail theft of property-2nd degree
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Judkins, Shannon R.; 52
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Lautenslager, Heather A.; 42
• FTA – driving while suspended

Dixon, Lauren M.; 38
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Hanceville Police Department

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Agriplex (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex said it is excited to host an expert panel of presenters on March 20, 2026, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The Organic Growing Workshop will teach small growers, backyard gardeners and the general public how to garden using natural techniques.

This workshop will focus on building a thriving garden ecosystem using natural, sustainable methods. The Agriplex, partnering with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, will replicate a similar workshop that has been offered at Jones Valley Teaching Farm in Birmingham and an Organic Gardening Vegetable Workshop back in 2020 at the Agriplex.

"Do you struggle to control pests in the garden? Do your tomatoes not produce as much as you want? Are you tired of watering your gardens or fields in the hot, dry August? Which varieties of vegetables, grains, herbs and flowers do best in our humid, wet or dry climate of Alabama? We will address all of these topics and so much more! Don't miss this awesome day in Cullman, Alabama! Your farm or garden needs you to attend!" said a media release from the Agriplex.

The following topics will be covered, with experts in each area:

• Organic Definitions and Overview - Holt Akers-Campbell

• Soil Management - Dr. Charlie Mitchell

• Irrigation and Liquid Fertilizers - Bronson Lubresky

• Organic Variety Trial Results - Sara Paz and Luan Alves

• Organic Pest Management - Dr. Clement Akotsen-Mensah

The workshop will be held Friday, March 20, 2026, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center, 1714 Tally Ho St, Cullman. Seeds, resources and door prizes will be given out. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

A $30 registration is required at www.agriplex.org, where scholarships are also available.

The Agriplex thanked its event partners, the Cullman County Master Gardeners, Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network.

For more information, contact Rachel Dawsey at cullmanag@gmail.com or 256-297-1044.

Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council at its meeting Monday, March 2, addressed upgrades at Governor's Park, upcoming events and more.

In old business, Mayor Carla Hart discussed four new picnic tables for Governor's Park.

She informed the council that the shipping for these items is free, and they should arrive the second or third week of March.

She asked the council if they thought it best to have concrete pads poured where these four tables will be placed.

"This is so the ground doesn't get worn in from use and swinging feet stirring up dirt," she said.

Councilman Dwight Kidd responded, "I think that's a great idea." Though he also made a point to mention that it would require proper upkeep.

Councilwoman Deborah Holcomb made a motion to approve the concrete pads, which was seconded by Councilman Ricky Carr. All members voted in favor.

"Governor's Park bathrooms are 98% complete, I'd say," Hart advised. "The air conditioning and plumbing are finished; we're just waiting on sod and asphalt to be done."

Hart, on the topic of renovations, stated that the fencing along the curb of Finley Circle should start at the end of this week or into next week.

"Gas and utility lines have been located so we're safe there," she assured.

The council then addressed Resolution No. 260302-2, which states that if the Rebuild Alabama Act funds to repair and pave Lee Road and Daniel Road are awarded, the engineering fee or matching fee cannot exceed $75,000.

There will be a required public hearing at the next meeting in order to proceed with an approval.

Carr and Kidd were selected to be alternate voting delegates going forward. This allows them to vote at the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention business meeting. Hart is the first delegate.

The council approved the purchase of a new computer for $1,200 for the Guy Hunt Library.

A total of three are needed, but Cullman County Public Library System Director Amber Thornton stated the CCPLS will purchase the other two. All council members approved this purchase.

On to the festivities! First on the list will be the Holly Pond Easter event. Hart pitched the idea of an event for Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The specifics will be confirmed before the next meeting.

On Saturday, May 9, 2026, the Holly Pond band will hold its annual "Pops in the Park," which will begin at 3 p.m. and last until dark.

Lastly, the town's America 250 celebration was discussed.

A decision was made to have the gathering in the ballpark area on Friday, July 3, 2026, from 5-7 p.m.

"It'll be a good ole fashion gathering," Hart said.

The next Holly Pond Town Council meeting will be held at Holly Pond High School on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6 p.m.

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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
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• 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, March 6 – 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, March 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.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
• February is Love Your Library Month, and we are having a BOOK SALE the entire month. The proceeds assist our children's program. 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. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• Wednesday, March 11, at 10 a.m. Storytime
• Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Hanceville Irish Festival and BOOK SALE
• Tuesday, March 17, at 11 a.m. Spanish class
• Wednesday, March 18, at 10 a.m. Storytime
• Saturday, March 21, at 10 a.m. Book club
• Wednesday, March 25, at 10 a.m. Lisa L. Ellard, MSN CRNP, RN instructor, Department of Nursing Education at Wallace State Community College, will present a program on first aid for children
• Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. Poetry Night is back! Calling all amateurs, song writers, performers to share their talents with us!

Hanceville Lions Club Bingo and Hot Dog Night
Would you be kind enuf to put this is Community Calendar? Saturday, March 7, 2026 Hanceville Civic Ctr. Doors open 5:00. Bingo starts 6:00. Supports our Community in mission areas. Thank you

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

Hanceville Irish Festival
Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Hanceville. For more information visit www.facebook.com/hancevilleirishfest.

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

WWA Wyld Wrestling Alliance Event to Support Cullman County Relay For Life
Saturday, April 11, at noon at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. Doors open at noon. Bell time 6 p.m. General admission is $10, ring-side $15 and kids 5 and younger get in free. Get ready to rumble for a cause! The Cullman County Relay For Life Team Sassy Ladies is teaming up with WWA Wyld Wrestling Alliance for a high-energy fundraiser you won't want to miss! These wrestlers know a thing or two about strength, grit and fighting back — and together, we're channeling that same power straight into our mission to kick cancer's butt. Live music, wrestling and food.

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

FiFi (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — FiFi is a 2-year-old Persian cat who brings elegance and affection together in one soft, fluffy package. She's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

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FiFi's adoption fee is $100, which includes her spay, age-appropriate vaccinations and standard veterinary care.

Visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullman-animalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If FiFi happens to be adopted before you arrive, please consider meeting her friends. They are all looking for loving, forever homes of their own.

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Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 3, addressing several items related to town operations and upcoming community events.

Among the items approved during the meeting was the purchase of 15 parking bumpers for the additional parking lot at the Vinemont Community Center. The cost of the bumpers is $675. The council said they will help improve parking organization and accessibility at the facility.

The council also approved Resolution No. 2026-03-01, designating the town's representatives for the upcoming Alabama League of Municipalities Annual Convention, which will take place in April in Montgomery.

Mayor Bonnie Goodwin was appointed as the town's voting delegate, with Councilwoman Kelley Little, Place No. 1, serving as the alternate delegate. Both will attend the convention on behalf of the Town of Vinemont.

The meeting concluded with announcements regarding upcoming community events. Senior Citizens Day will be held Monday, March 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. The town will also host its Community Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center and Walking Trail. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided during the event.

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the council meeting at 6. Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.

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PREP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Scores and stats for March 3, 2026

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BASEBALL

• Addison 8, Winston Co. 1 – Batting: K. Lake 2-4 2 RBI, S. Talley 2-4 Pitching: C. Thompson 3.2 IP, 0 ER, 5 K, W

• Cold Springs 8, Lynn 3 – Batting: B. Black 3-3 2 RBI, L. Hill 2-3 1 RBI Pitching: A. Black 2.2 IP, 1 ER, W

• Hewitt-Trussville 11, Cullman 1 – Batting: T. Brock 2-3 Pitching: L. Henry 2.0 IP, 2 ER

• Fairview 7, Oneonta 6 – Batting: C. Cullen 2-4 1 RBI, C. Scott 2-2 Pitching: J. Robertson 6.0 IP, 0 ER, 8 K, W

• Fultondale 13, Hanceville 2 – Batting: C. Belcher 2-3 Pitching: E. Hererra 3.0 IP, 4 ER, 3 K

• Athens Bible 8, Holly Pond 0 – Batting: T. Dunn 2-3 Pitching: T. Dunn 5.0 IP, 3 ER, 2 K

• Curry 8, Meek 5 – Batting: E. Unsworth 2-3 4 RBI, S. Farley 2-4 1 RBI Pitching: E. Miles 5.0 IP, 1 ER, 3 K

• West Point 7, Vinemont 6 – Batting: (West.) C. McAfee 1-4 1 RBI, (Vine.) T. Mauter 2-3 1 RBI Pitching: T. Thornton 2.0 IP, 2 K, W

SOFTBALL

• Athens 6, Cullman 5 – Batting: H. Graham 3-3 3 RBI, A. Maples 2-3 1 RBI Pitching: D. Bates 5.0 IP, 6 ER, 2 K

• Falkville 3, Fairview 2 – Batting: A. Wunderlich 2-3 , M. Gregory 2-3 Pitching: J. Griggs 4.0 IP, 1 ER, 2 K

• Hanceville 15, Asbury 0 – Batting: K. Farr 3-3 4 RBI, P. Mariano 3-3 3 RBI Pitching: I. Spinks 2.0 IP, 0 ER, 3 K

• Lynn 5, Meek 4 – Batting: A. Collins 4-4 2 RBI, A. Miles 2-3 1 RBI Pitching: S. Farley 7.0 IP, 4 ER, 8 K

Good Hope (from Front)

Good Hope was able to hold the Knights off for a 61-45 win.

"I've been asked in the past- 'hey coach, who's your best player?,' and honestly, I've got five really good ones up here (Gossett, Marshall, Konrad, Davis and Adams). Any given night one of them can go off and score several points, but one thing they constantly bring is the defensive side. I'm pleased with their efforts," Raiders head coach Justin Aby said at the podium after the win.

The defensive prowess of Good Hope was evident early. While Gossett and Konrad were already finding the hoop on crafty layups and floaters, and Adams was hitting from outside, the Raiders forced six turnovers with five coming off steals, and only allowed the Knights to shoot 3-9 from the floor.

While they didn't shoot particularly well either, only making six of their 16 attempts, Good Hope took a 15-8 lead into the second period.



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The Raiders' shooting got better in the second, and quickly. To start the period, point guard Ella Gossett found Lucie Adams at the top of the arc for a three, then senior Lexie Marshal hit threes from the wing on two consecutive possessions to jolt Good Hope out to a quick 9-0 run and a 24-8 lead under two minutes into the quarter.

Riding the energy the offense was providing, the Raiders' defense tightened up, matched the physicality of the Knights and only gave up five points while forcing Montgomery Catholic to shoot 2-10. Finishing off scoring in the strong quarter for Good Hope was Adams, who Marshall threaded a pass to as she drove to the hoop. Going into halftime, Good Hope led 27-13.

The Knights turned up the heat after the break, and began to utilize their physicality better on both ends of the floor.

The always-active Konrad read an inbound pass, picked it off and put in a layup to start the scoring for Good Hope, but Montgomery Catholic would respond quickly with a three from Jordan Robinson.

Robinson, the Knights second-leading scorer, was forced to step up as their leading scorer, 6-0 forward Hannah Smith, was being blanketed by 5-5 Gossett.

She disregarded the size disadvantage entirely on the floor, and like some of the gritty Raider point guards before her, Gossett forced Smith to shoot just 6-17 on the afternoon while dishing out seven assists on the offensive end.

On her defensive matchup with Smith, Gossett said.

"I knew she was a lot bigger than me, and a lot stronger. I knew I was going to have to play my tail off to win this game, so that's what I did."

The rest of the third quarter saw the Knights attempt to inch back into the game, which they did thanks to their best quarter, and Good Hope's worst. Still, the Raiders led 40-28 heading into the final frame.

In a tale of two periods, Montgomery Catholic did jump back into the game, cutting Good Hope's lead to just 42-33 early and threatening to complete a comeback.

The Raiders had none of it, and found their feet again with floaters from Davis and Gossett.

Smith would respond with a steal and layup, then Good Hope put an exclamation point on the game with a 9-0 run featuring beautiful ball movement, a pull-up three from Gossett and physical finishing from Konrad to end the game with a 61-45 win to advance to the State Championship.

Konrad led Good Hope in scoring with 20 points, six rebounds and two steals. Gossett had an impressive game in terms of offensive output considering her defensive assignment, scoring 10 and dishing out seven assists.

Adams notched a double-double with ten points and rebounds, and Marshall scored eight in addition to stealing three passes.

Good Hope will go on to face the winner of Jackson and first-ranked Plainview on Friday at 4 p.m. at Legacy Arena.

PREP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Cullman boys take 5-4 victory over Hartselle

Nathan Bates
Cullman HS Tennis

HARTSELLE, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats Varsity Tennis teams played an intense 6A, Section 7 match against the Hartselle Tigers on Tuesday night.

The Cullman Boys came away with a hard fought 5-4 victory with wins at #1 Doubles (Jake Murphree/Cameron Caffey), #2 Doubles (Nason Green/Brayden Clark), #4 Singles (Caffey), #5 Singles (Clark), and #6 Singles (Zeke Chaney).

The Cullman Girls fell short in a close 4-5 match.

Both teams have an 8-1 record at mid-season and will head to Tuscaloosa this weekend to play in the annual Hillcrest Doubles Tournament.



NATHAN BATES/CULLMAN HS TENNIS

Cullman HS' boys tennis team



The Something Blue Shoppe Bridal Show

By: Chasady Woods | chasady@cullmantribune.com

The Something Blue Shoppe held its Bridal Show March 1, at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Many gathered around the runway to set their eyes on the hand-picked array of gowns, hopeful to find their "something new."

There were over 35 wedding professionals, ranging from florists to caterers and more. Vendors displayed floral arrangements, coffee catering, bridal party hats/sashes and custom wedding cakes. There were many samples and signature drinks and even exclusive booking giveaways.

The Something Blue Shoppe offered wedding dress giveaways, included bridal gowns valued up to $2,500 and mother of the bride gowns up to $750.

If you see the dress that makes you say "yes," visit thesomethingblueshoppe.com.



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Cullman (from Front)

beating the Bearcats, but an explosive fourth quarter run brought Cullman all the way back from down 15, and they eventually took the game 61-56 in overtime to move on to the State Championship on Saturday afternoon.

"That's the epitome of what we are. We keep working, it might look like crap for three quarters but we keep coming, keep getting off the mat- like a Rocky movie. That's just who we are because, every single day they have to go through war. In their shootaround this morning, they went through war- to earn the right to be on this stage. They're just not going to go away when they have that in them," head coach Stu Stuedeman said after the win.

Starting before tip-off, it was apparent this would be a battle. The Bearcats, like they do before every game, huddled at mid-court after entering the floor. The Eagles came out next, and instead of going around Cullman, attempted to go through them, likely to try and get in their heads. Words were had, shoulder nudges were exchanged, then lineups were announced and the game began.

Cullman came out firing. Threes from Gray Hopper and Sam Dorough helped build an early lead, but Calera's speed got the best of the Bearcats, causing turnovers then turning them into points on fast breaks.

It looked like those head games may have been working, as the antics continued every time the players met under the basket, with an extra shove usually given to a Bearcat after the whistle. A pair of threes then fell, and Calera went into the second with a 15-8 lead.

The Bearcats' senior leader, Sam Dorough, was usually the target of those post-play shoves and words, but it didn't rattle him. Dorough stole, slashed and shot his way to eight points in the second quarter, helping Cullman keep pace with Calera.

The Eagles, after a slow start, got their downhill offense rolling, and while they weren't hitting the shots through contact, they got to the line to keep a 22-20 lead at halftime.



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After the break, Calera returned to their first quarter form.

Six straight points opened the half for the Eagles, with their swarming half-court defense causing steals and unforced turnovers.

The shots through contact also started to fall, with Calera's Kaleb Duncan and Keelan Howard finishing tough layups. A technical free throw then a layup stretched their lead to 35-24, with an Owen Graves three breaking up an 8-0 run.

The quarter closed on a high note with an Emory Bonds corner three, but the Bearcats trailed 42-30 heading into the fourth.

To open the fourt, a Colt Fletcher steal turned into a Gray Hopper layup, and the chaos began. Dorough would then split the defense, finding his way to the low post and finishing on a hook through contact on a play Steudeman pointed out as one of the turning points of the game.

The energy was all Cullman's, whose crowd exploded as Bonds again delivered on a three from the top of the arc to make it a 44-37 deficit with just under six minutes to go. After a nice side-step and lay by Loftin, Bonds got a crowd pop again, nailing a three from the wing to make it a one point, 44-43 game, with Calera still leading.

Bonds, a junior, has a knack for showing up in big moments. He may not score as much as Loftin or Dorough, but his points always come when needed. After the game, Bonds told the press "Once I start going, I can't stop."

He really couldn't. With just over two minutes to go, Bonds let another one fly from the wing, sending the black and gold crowd into pandemonium as the Bearcats tied it up at 46 with his third deep ball.

Then, Hopper came up big with a three to take the Bearcats' first lead since late in the second quarter. Calera found the free throw line three times in the final minute-and-a-half, with one falling each time to tie the game at 49 and set the stage for an electric overtime finish.

With all the momentum on their side, the Bearcats took it to Calera in overtime and opened with a 11-2 run. The Eagles would grab a layup and drain a three, but it was too little, too late. The Bearcats, once down 15, took the semifinal game 61-56.

After the game, Stuedeman compared his team's determination to the legendary racing horse, Secretariat. "When they did the autopsy on him, he had a bigger heart than any other horse. So what did horse people do when their horses were bred? They started looking at the size of their heart. Obviously we have a lot of heart, and we started talking about how, men, we gotta have a bigger heart for everything we do," Stuedeman said. He continued "we have to live every single day with that 22-pound heart."

Dorough led the Bearcats with 23 points and added five rebounds, three assists, four steals and two blocks. Behind him, Hopper finished with 14 points and five boards, and Bonds went 4-8 from deep to finish with 12 points, adding six boards and a steal.

The Bearcats will play in the ASHAA 6A Boys State Championship on Saturday at 2:15 p.m. at Legacy Arena, awaiting the winner of Saraland and no. 1 Oxford.



Sportsman Lake Park Spring Yard Sale returns March 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Sportsman Lake Park Spring Yard Sale will return Saturday, March 28, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free, and the event will be held rain or shine.

Shoppers can browse a wide variety of yard-sale finds set up throughout the park. Concessions will be available on-site, and children can enjoy free access to the park's regular amenities.

Vendors will have several options for reserving space, with all reservations required to be made in person. Phone reservations will not be accepted.

Grass sites, as well as the kiosk, stage and gazebo areas, are available for $20 per space on a first-come, first-served basis. Grass site reservations will begin March 17 at 7 a.m.

Vendors must pick up the flag marking their desired location and bring it to the concession stand to complete payment. Both cash and cards will be accepted.

Pavilion spaces, priced at $50, will be assigned through a lottery system. Pavilion lottery ticket sales begin March 6 at the concession stand. Chances are $1 each, with no limit on the number of entries per person. Ticket sales will close on March 15, and winners will be announced during a Facebook Live drawing on March 16 around noon.

For more information about the Sportsman Lake Park Spring Yard Sale, visit the event page on Facebook or contact the park at 256-734-3052.

Upcoming Cullman County Public Library book club meetings

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library System will have three book club meeting this month.

After Hours Book Club: March 6, 5:30 p.m.
The first will be on Friday, March 6, at the main branch downtown (200 Clark St. NE) at 5:30 p.m. The After Hours Book Club is discussing the literary fiction novel, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. This was recently adapted as a film, set for release on Netflix May 8, 2026, so grab a copy if you aren't able to make the book club!

Active Adults Book Club: March 25, 10 a.m.
The next meeting will be with the Active Adults Book Club. They will meet at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center (1625 Cleveland Ave. SW) Wednesday, March 25, at 10 a.m. They are reading "Betrayal" by Phillip Margolin, which is a high-stakes legal drama.

Lesia's Book Club: March 26, 11 a.m.
Lastly, Lesia's Book Club has chosen "The Darwin Affair" by Tim Mason and will be discussing the novel back at the main branch downtown (200 Clark St. NE) on Thursday, March 26, at 11 a.m.

Keep up with all the happenings across the Cullman County Public Library System at www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem.

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Obituary Announcements: March 3-4

Joey Russell Widner, 52
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Joey Russell Widner, 52 of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is assisting the family. Mr. Widner passed away March 2, 2026. He was born March 3, 1973, to Amos and Mavis Tucker Widner. He worked in construction before becoming disabled. He is survived by his wife, Tina; step-son, Patrick Phillips; grandson, Ethan Phillips; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jesse Clifton Grigsby, 81
Funeral Service for Jesse Clifton Grigsby, age 81 of Baileyton, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at Etha Baptist Church with Dr. Tim Lipsey and Bro. John Garrison officiating; burial at Bethel United Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon–2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at Etha Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Grigsby passed away on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, at Cullman Regional. He was born March 30, 1944, to Willie Lee Grigsby and Myrtle Wilson Grigsby. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Hearl Grigsby and Lannice Grigsby; baby daughter, Patricia Darlene Grigsby; baby son, Darrell James Grigsby, and baby Grigsby; sister, Shelby Jean Grigsby. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Sandra Williams Grigsby; son, Paul Grigsby (Magan); daughter, Tammy Cornelius (Chris), grandchildren, Felicia Smith (Riley), Heather Grigsby, Ty Grigsby and Khloe Grigsby; great grandchildren, Sawyer Holland and Sutton Smith; brothers, Alton Ghrigsby and Roy Grigsby (Yvonne); sisters, Sue Caudle (Edward) and Helen Nunnelley and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Betty Faye Hancock, 85
Graveside service for Betty Faye Hancock, 85, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, March 6, 2026, at Concord Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hancock passed away Feb. 28, 2026, at UAB Hospital. She was born Feb. 11, 1941. She loved gardening, growing vegetables and flowers. She was a strong woman and loved by everyone. She was preceded in death by her parents, Conrad and Ruby Reid Taylor; her son, Michael Hancock; daughter, Jennifer Hancock Pace and her brothers and sisters. Survivors include her son, Chris Hancock (Lisa); grandchildren, Amber Pace, Angel McKenzie, Stephanie Michelle Hancock; six greatgrandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jennie Lynn Malin, 62
Jennie Lynn Malin, age 62 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. She was born, March 15, 1963, to James Rainey and Hazel Hodges Rainey. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her daughter, Amanda Cornelius; son, James Gregory Cornelius; 7 Grandchildren; sisters, Lisa Owens &Joyce Seleska; brothers, James T. Rainey and Bobby Yarborough. Jennie was a loving mother who touched many hearts and lives of so many people. She was one of the sweetest and kindest souls you would ever meet. She was loved by many and will be truly missed by us all. A Celebration of her life will be held on her birthday, March 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. The location will be announced at a later date.

Bill 'Sidewinder' Rhodes, 56
Funeral service for Bill "Sidewinder" Rhodes, age 56, of Bremen, will be Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Speaking at the service will be his mother, Priscilla Drummond, nephew, Lester Rhodes, and other family members. Visitation will be at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. and Bill will be laid to rest at Corinth Church of Christ Cemetery in Bremen. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Bill was born on Dec. 16, 1969, to William Henry Rhodes and Priscilla A. Shultz Drummond. He left us too soon on Sunday, March 1, 2026. He is preceded in death by his father, grandparents, three aunts, and three uncles. He is survived by his mother, Priscilla Drummond; son, Brandon Stovers (Marcy); daughter, Erica Brown; grandchildren, Sawyer Stovers, Emerson Stovers, Brooklyn Samuels; sisters, Cynthia Rhodes (Christopher), Sherry Rhodes; brother, John Rhodes; uncle, Melvin Rhodes (Rhonda); nephews, Lester Rhodes, Michael Colley, Matthew Selman, and Christopher "Wildman" Myers; nieces, Stephanie Rhodes, Christine Rhodes, and Courtney Gourly; eight great nieces; seven great nephews, a host of cousins, friends and family. Serving as pallbearers will be Jesse Brown, Kyle Brown, Cody Brown, Adam Oguwen, Trey Seargent, and Mike Killingworth.

Mary Kathryn Calligaris, 92
Mary Kathryn Calligaris, 92, of Cullman, Alabama, was born June 10, 1933, in Corning, New York, and passed away on Feb. 27, 2026. Mary Kathryn was devoted and faithful throughout her life, and she will be remembered with deep respect and enduring love. Mary Kathryn is survived by her daughters, Kathryn Robison, Mary (Ed) Calligaris Brooks, and Jane (Pete) Calligaris Burgos; her sons, Anthony Joseph Calligaris and Thomas Gerard (Laurie) Calligaris; her sister, Frances Wellman; her brother, Harold Nixon; and her daughter in law, Karen Calligaris Rodriguez. She is also survived by 19 Grandchildren and 15 Great Grandchildren. Mary Kathryn was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Elvy Calligaris; her son, Ed Calligaris; her grandson, John Calligaris; and her parents, Harold and Elizabeth Nixon. Visitation will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 217 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055, on March 5, 2026, from 5-7:30 p.m. A Rosary will follow at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on March 5, 2026, from 7:30-8 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on March 6, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Barbara Fay Ousley, 89
Barbara Fay Ousley age 89 of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away March 2, 2026. Barbara was born July 28, 1936, in Alabama. Barbara is preceded in death by her husband Robert Earl Ousley; brother Robert Keith Ousley; and sisters Robin Lynn Ousley and Rhonda Gay Ousley. Barbara is survived by her son Robert Alan (Stephanie) Ousley; granddaughter Alisha Ousley; and grandsons Robert Earl Bircheat and Kenneth Ira Bircheat. A graveside service will be held at Valhalla Cemetery 839 Wilkes Road, Birmingham, AL 35228, Monday, March 9, 2026, at noon. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Pearl Hood Hall, 91
Funeral service for Pearl Melba Hood Hall, 91, of Cullman will be at noon, Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hall passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at her residence. She was born Nov. 8, 1934, to John McKindley and Lela Elmira Bartlett Hood. Pearl loved her flowers, gardening, loved to cook and bake and was known for her homemade cakes. She loved playing and spending time with her "grandbabies". She loved traveling with her husband, especially going to the mountains. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers and sisters. Survivors include her niece that is like a daughter to her, Lynn Jones; nephew, Garrell Gordon; brother-in-law, Millard Hall; special great-great nieces, Zadie, Kyleigh, Rylee Jones and several nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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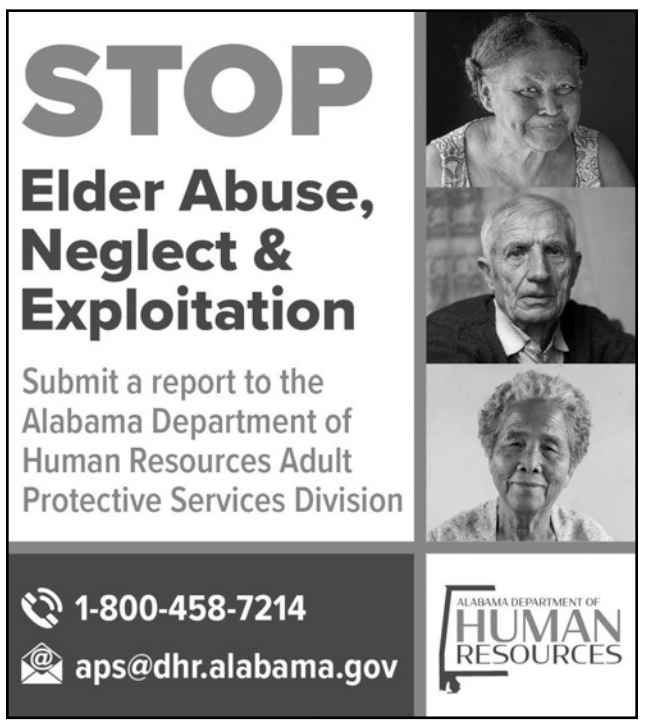
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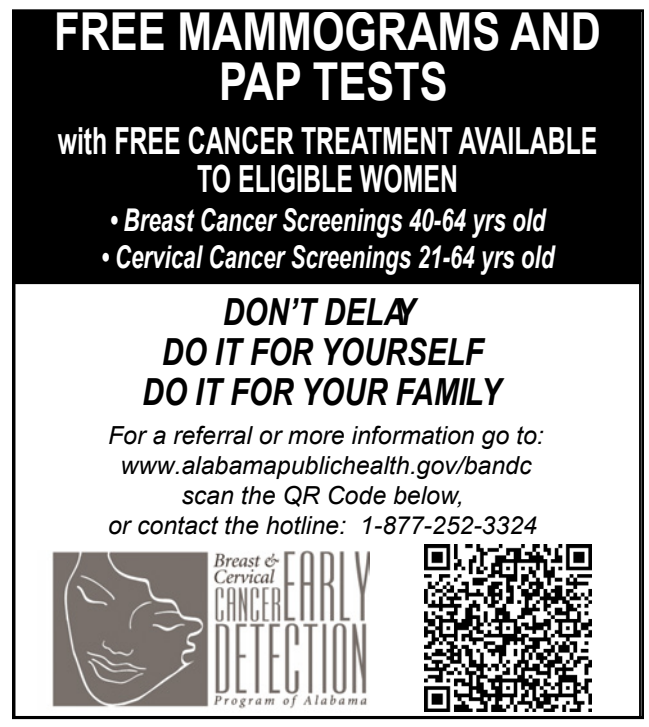
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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on March 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. 2026-33 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 33
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, Rodney L Hawkins, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

PPIN: 5161. Parcel No.: 17-05-16-4-009-001.000. Property Address: 701 Main Ave SW.
A lot being 100 feet of even width off and across the East end of Lot Number One (1) of Thompson and Buchmann's Addition to Cullman, AL as shown and known on the recorded plat or map of said Additon being of record in Map Book 1, Page 44 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as R-4 Residential 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-4 Residential District to B-2 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 the 23rd day of March, 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.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-0826

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CAROL DENISE NIXON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Robert Bruce Nixon, II on the 23rd day of February, 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.

Robert Bruce Nixon, II
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **N&C HOLDINGS, LLC**, as Mortgagor, to **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PULASKI**, as Mortgagee, dated the 3rd day of April, 2025, recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 2117, Page 514, which default continues.

The undersigned Michael J. Baggett, as Attorney for Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama on the 24th day of March, 2026, between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama:

The NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12, Range 5 West. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama, wherein reference is incorporated herein.

LESS AND EXCEPT: 18 acres on West side of said forty.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT: A three acre parcel of land in the Southeast comer of said NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12, Range 5 West, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said forty and running North along the East line of said forty a distance of 38 rods to the Bremen and Campbell Ford public road; thence running West or in a Westerly direction along said road 13 rods and 9 1/2 feet; thence South 40 rods to the South line of said forty; thence East along the South line of said forty 13 rods and 9 1/2 feet to the Southeast corner of said forty.

ALSO LESS AND EXCEPT the property conveyed by deed to Buell H. Brown and Freda H. Brown from Grover Stricklin and Myrtle A. Stricklin dated March 25, 1967, as recorded with the Judge of Probate for Cullman County, Alabama, in Real Volume 261, Page 277 which is described as follows; Commencing at the Northeast corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 23, Township **12.** Range 5 West; thence continue due West along the North line of said forty to a point on the North line of said forty, said point being the Northeast comer of the W. B. Stricklin eighteen acre tract; thence South and parallel with the East line of the Stricklin tract to a point on the North right of way of the Campbell Ford public road; thence in an Easterly direction along the North right-of-way of said public road to a point, said point being where the North right of way line of said public road intersects the East line of said forty; thence North along the East line of said forty to the point of beginning.

Property Address: 285 County Road 71, Bremen, AL 35033

Parcel Number: 28-06-23-0-000-003.000

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

Notice is hereby given to N&C HOLDINGS, LLC, on this the 3rd day of March 2026.

MORTGAGEE: **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PULASKI**

By: Michael J. Baggett
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Cullman County Board of Education, until 2:00 P.M., legally prevailing time, March 26, 2026 for the Cold Spring High School Gymnasium HVAC Upgrades (Bid #08-26), Bremen, Alabama in the Board Room at the Cullman County Board of Education, 402 Arnold St NE, Cullman, Alabama at which time and place they will be publicly opened.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Cullman County Board of Education in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of the Architect, Ward Scott Morris Architecture, Inc., 1606 Paul Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and TuscaBlue, 2806 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Bid documents may be obtained from TuscaBlue via www.ward-scottplans.com, upon deposit of $100.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first two sets issued to each trade contract bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for contractors, and sets for dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution. Electronic PDF copies of bid documents may be procured free of charge.

Bid bonds are to be issued by an acceptable bonding company licensed to do business in the State, with a Power of Attorney, to confess judgment thereon, with the understanding that it shall guarantee that the bidder shall not withdraw his bid for the guarantee period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids; that if his bid is accepted, he will enter into a formal contract with the Owner, and that in the event of a withdrawal of said bid within said period, or the failure to enter into said contract within the time specified, the bidder shall be liable to the Owner for the full amount of the bid guarantee as liquidated damages and not as a forfeit or as a penalty. The bid bond and certified checks on unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon awarding the contract or rejection of all bids, in no event, later than the number of days in the guarantee period from the opening of proposals. That of the successful bidder will be returned when formal contract and bonds are accepted and approved.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

All Bidders are invited to attend a non-mandatory pre-bid conference to be held electronically via Zoom at 10:00 A.M. on March 19, 2026. Participants can join the video presentation by going to https://zoom.us/join or via conference call at +1(305) 224-1968. Please enter the Meeting ID#: 844 4593 3403 & Passcode: 601438 at the website and on the conference call when prompted. The bidder's company employee attending the pre-bid conference shall have qualifications and experience with the construction to be performed within this project. Any questions concerning the pre-bid conference shall be directed to the Architect.

Nonresident bidders must accompany any written bid documents with a written opinion of an attorney at law licensed to practice law in such nonresident bidder's state of domicile, as to the preferences, if any or none, granted by the law of that state to its own business entities whose principal places of business are in that state in the letting of any or all public contracts.

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 April 1, 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.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, will go into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction. The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

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

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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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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until April 1, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune
3/5/2026

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS HALL, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-234**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GREG HALL and VAN HALL, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of THOMAS HALL, deceased, on the 2nd day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Greg Hall and Van Hall
Personal Representatives

Thomas E. Drake, II
419 Second Avenue SW Suite A
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgages executed by **ELLARD CALVERT AND SPOUSE, MARY CALVERT** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated April 27, 2007, and recorded on May 22, 2007, in Mortgage Book 1521 Page 823 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, as modified by that Modification of Mortgage dated February 12, 2011, and recorded on March 7, 2011, in Mortgage Book 1647 Page 305, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **26th day of March 2026,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 11, Range 5 West and go 105 yards East to the point of beginning for land herein conveyed; Thence continue East 105 yards to a point; thence go South 105 yards to a point; thence go West 105 yards to a point; thence go North 105 yards back to the point of beginning for the land herein conveyed, said parcel of land containing 1½ Acres, more or less.

Property Address: 19884 County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
CIRCUIT DIVISION

STOCKTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) **CASE NO.: 25-CV-2024-900325.00**
AMY ASKINS, her heirs and devisees, if deceased, Fictitious Party Defendants NOS. 1&2 being those persons or entities claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion or other interest in said lands 13236 S AL HWY 69 BREMEN AL 35033,)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To any and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, Remainder, Reversion, or interest in said lands, Cullman County, Alabama Parcel Identification Number 28-07-35-0-000-023.000, and or their heirs, and any and all persons, partnerships, professional associations and/or corporations who claim any right, title, interest, or ownership on or to the following described property, or any part thereof, whether such interest be present, future, contingent, reversionary, or otherwise, to wit:

A part of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 3 5, Township 1 2 South, Range 5 West and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest comer of said forty ; thence North along the West line of the forty 540 feet to the North right of way line of Alabama Highway #69; thence in an Easterly direction along the North right of way line of said Highway a distance of 807 feet which is the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence continuing in an Easterly direction along the North right of way line of said highway a distance of 1 65 feet; thence due North to the North line of the forty; thence West along the North line of the forty to a point due Norh of the point of beginning; thence due South to the point of beginning. The property herein described embracing 1 acre more or less.
Also, all property to the west of the above-described property which is described as the Boundary Line, referenced in that cerain Boundary Line Agreement recorded at Deed Book 665 ,Page 52, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Commonly known as: 13236 S AL HWY 69 BREMEN AL 35033

You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of September 2024, a complaint was filed by STOCKTON MORTGAGE CORPORATION as plaintiff wherein you were named defendant against the property described above and whereas it was alleged that Plaintiff owned said property being situated in the CULLMAN County, Alabama.

You are further notified that Plaintiff avers in said complaint that they claim title by reason of the following:

1. Plaintiff holds color of title to the above-described land by virtue of a Foreclosure Deed recorded August 6, 2024, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of CULLMAN County, Alabama in Bk: 758, Pg: 371.

2. Plaintiff avers that it has paid all taxes and bore all expenses. Further, Plaintiff avers it has exercised all rights and/or responsibilities to ownership with respect to said real property.

3. Plaintiff avers that it does not know of anyone or any person who may have any claim in any title to any interest in, or lien, or encumbrance on the above-described real property.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED and required to file with the clerk of the court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, Jonathan Glover, ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33609, an answer to the Complaint within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Notice, or default judgment will be entered against you.

This the 9th day of February, 2026

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk
Cullman County, Alabama.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Art on display at the exhibition at The Art Shop Around the Corner on March 1, 2026

Supporting local artists

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Art Shop Around the Corner hosted a special art exhibition on Sunday, March 1, showcasing work from several local artists, including adult art class students, who shared their work with friends and family. Guests also enjoyed live music and refreshments.

"It started as a chance for my students to showcase their work," Owner Pam Willingham said. "I wanted to give them the opportunity to meet the public and gain confidence in presenting their art."

The exhibition featured a variety of artistic styles and media. Pieces on display included Willingham's recent collage work, oil paintings, charcoal drawings and commissioned works by local artists, some of whom even create custom pieces for clients.

Willingham said the artists featured in the exhibition have all taken part in her classes at some point, except for one she invited after being impressed by his automotive and scrapyard-themed artwork.

Beyond displaying artwork, the event also encouraged collaboration and connection among artists.

"It's good for artists to be together, to talk and see each other's work," Willingham said.

She said events like the exhibition play an important role in supporting the arts community in Cullman by providing local artists an opportunity to share their work and build confidence in their abilities.

"It gives them a chance to show their work and step out as professionals," said Willingham.

"Sometimes artists struggle to value their own work, so opportunities like this are important."

Dice (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Community members gathered Saturday, Feb. 28, at Cotton Creek for an evening of games, food and fundraising at Hope Horses' annual Casino Night fundraiser.

Attendees participated in classic casino-style games, a live auction and the popular "Mane & Tail" game, giving multiple opportunities to engage while supporting the organization's mission. Guests also enjoyed a catered meal from Jubilee Kitchen and Bar and time to socialize with fellow supporters while celebrating sponsors.

According to Hope Horses Executive Director Kelsey Scott, the event is designed to combine entertainment with a meaningful cause.

"Attendees can look forward to an evening full of excitement, entertainment and community spirit," Scott said. "What makes this event truly special is that it brings together friends, families and supporters for a fun-filled night while directly benefiting the horses and students at Hope Horses, making every roll of the dice meaningful."

Funds raised through ticket sales, sponsorships and donations help support the organization's therapeutic riding programs.

"This support allows us to reach more students, particularly those with disabilities, offering them life-changing experiences that improve physical, emotional and social well-being," Scott said.

While Casino Night serves as a major fundraiser for the organization, Scott said there are many ways for community members to get involved throughout the year, including volunteering, sponsoring a horse, donating to programs or sharing the organization's mission.

Hope Horses is a nonprofit organization that provides adaptive horseback riding lessons and equine-assisted activities for children and adults with physical, cognitive, social and emotional needs across the region.

It is located at 1301 Convent Road NE, in Cullman, and can be contacted at 256-507-4088. Learn more at www.facebook.com/hopehorsesinc or www.hopehorsesinc.com.

From the Hope Horses website:

"Hope Horses, Inc. is a nonprofit therapeutic riding center dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with special needs through equine-assisted activities.

"Located in Cullman, Alabama, we serve children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges, creating a safe, empowering space where riders build strength, confidence, and connection.

"Every session is guided by certified instructors, trained volunteers, and the unique bond between horse and human. For many of our riders, this isn't just a riding session, it's their favorite place to be."

Fairview (from Front)

including a donation of 30 Chick-fil-A gift cards to reward young athletes for sportsmanship during the season.

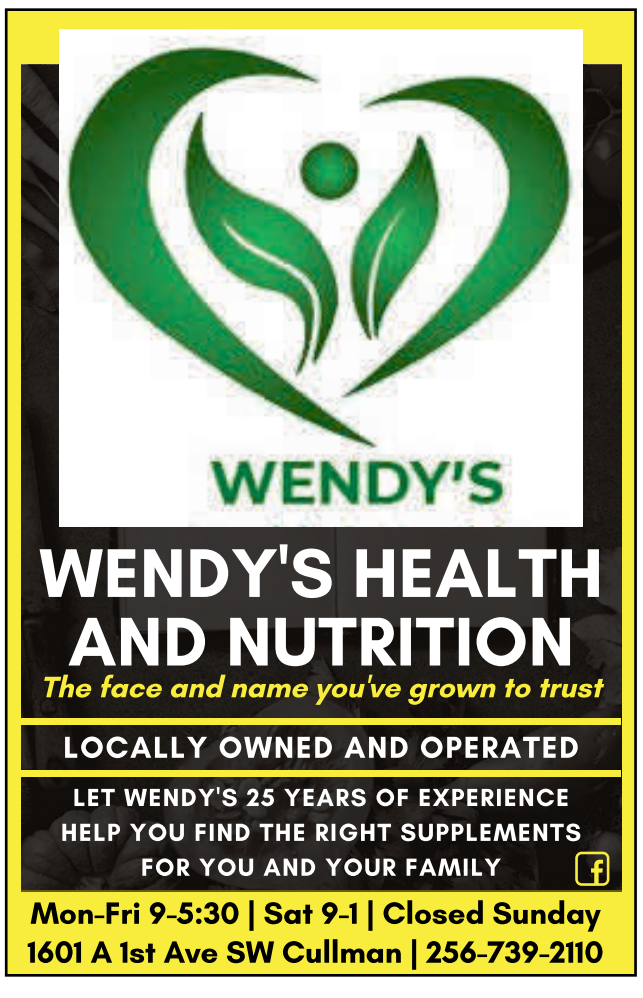
In other business, the council voted to surplus an unused town pickup truck and, if repairs prove unsuccessful, potentially an ATV. Funds from those sales would return to the town's maintenance budget.

Future projects were discussed including acquiring automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for sports fields, planning for potential soccer field development, relocating the town playground to higher ground and creating a .gov website for the town.

The council also reviewed installing additional speed limit signs within town limits and discussed a potential community cleanup effort for a rundown property along Alabama Highway 69. Officials said they will review legal considerations before determining whether town resources can be used to assist with the cleanup.

The council approved payment of the town's bills before adjourning.

The next meeting of the Fairview Town Council will be Monday, April 6, at 6 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall.







CHRISTOPHER BAKER

Christopher Baker took first place in the Birds category of the 2026 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest with this image of a great blue heron in Madison.

ADCNR announces 2026 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest winners

Alabama Dep. of Conservation and Natural Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is excited to announce the winners of the 2026 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest. The annual contest highlights some of the best photographers in the state as well as the beauty of Alabama's natural landscapes and wildlife.

"Alabama is a uniquely beautiful state that offers a wide variety of outdoor photo options," said Chris Blankenship, ADCNR commissioner. "From our abundant natural landscapes and native plants and wildlife to the many outdoor recreation opportunities that are available, Alabama is a photographer's paradise.

"The images highlighted in this year's contest once again showcase the reasons why Alabama is such a great place to live and work. Congrats to all of the winning photographers!"

Sponsors of the 2026 photo contest include Alabama State Parks, the Alabama Conservation Enforcement Officers Association and the Alabama Tourism Department. Each winner will receive a prize pack and be featured in a traveling exhibit in 2026. When the traveling exhibit schedule is finalized, it will be posted on www.outdooralabama.com.

View the 2026 winning images at https://tinyurl.com/4smmtycs.

CATEGORIES AND WINNERS

Alabama State Parks
- 1st Place - Joe Miller, Sunset at Cheaha State Park
- 2nd Place - Matthew Crowell, Lake Guntersville State Park
- 3rd Place - Chase Steptoe, Sunset at Gulf State Park Pier
- Honorable Mention - Matthew Crowell, Buck's Pocket State Park

Birds
- 1st Place - Christopher Baker, Great Blue Heron in Madison
- 2nd Place - Grace Simms, American Woodcock in Hoover
- 3rd Place - Christopher Baker, Kentucky Warbler in Huntsville
- Honorable Mention - Mike Monlezun, Green Heron Chicks in Baldwin County

Bugs and Butterflies
- 1st Place - Gary Anderson, Cicada in Huntsville
- 2nd Place - Mike Monlezun, Mantis in Baldwin County
- 3rd Place - Richard Dowling, Halloween Pennant Dragonfly in Montgomery
- Honorable Mention - Virginia Mitchell, Spicebush Swallowtail Butterfly in Springville

Cold-Blooded Critters
- 1st Place - Mike Monlezun, Box Turtle in Baldwin County
- 2nd Place - Seth Patterson, Chattooga River Crayfish at Choccolocco WMA
- 3rd Place - Nancy Morrison, American Bullfrog in Owens Cross Roads
- Honorable Mention - Christopher Baker, Southern Leopard Frog in Huntsville

Nature-Based Recreation
- 1st Place - Arthur Davis, Fishing in Baldwin County
- 2nd Place - Chase Steptoe, Wipeout at Orange Beach
- 3rd Place - Chase Steptoe, Fly Fishing at Gulf Shores
- Honorable Mention - Kate Gibbs, A Day in the Field

Scenic
- 1st Place - Matthew Crowell, Lake Guntersville in Scottsboro
- 2nd Place - Scott Golab, Avenue of the Oaks in Mobile
- 3rd Place - Benjamin Rollings, Milky Way at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge
- Honorable Mention - Christopher Baker, Holmes Chapel Falls in the Bankhead National Forest

Shoots and Roots
- 1st Place - Stephanie Pluscht, White-topped Pitcher Plant Flower in Foley
- 2nd Place - Joe Miller, Mushrooms in Oneonta
- 3rd Place - Arthur Davis, Pickerel Weed Flower in Daphne
- Honorable Mention - Stephanie Pluscht, Threadleaf Sundew in Foley

Sweet Home Alabama
- 1st Place - Drew Senter, Natural Bridge in Winston County
- 2nd Place - Bob Phillips, Jr., Fireworks at Vulcan Park in Birmingham
- 3rd Place - Scott Golab, Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival in Foley
- Honorable Mention - Benjamin Rollings, Middle Bay Lighthouse on Mobile Bay

Wildlife
- 1st Place - Jordan Whitis, White-Tailed Buck at Lake Guntersville State Park
- 2nd Place - James Hybart, III, Chipmunk in Monroe County
- 3rd Place - Michelle White, Groundhog in Tuscaloosa
- Honorable Mention - Timothy Huber, White-tailed Doe with Fawn in Blount County

Young Photographers
- 1st Place - Fisher Cook (age 17), Common Snapping Turtle in McCalla
- 2nd Place - Fisher Cook (age 17), Blue Crab on Dauphin Island
- 3rd Place - Fisher Cook (age 17), Cope's Gray Treefrog in Birmingham
- Honorable Mention - Joanna Junaid (age 17), General W.K. Wilson Jr. Bridge in Mobile County

For more information about the Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest, visit www.outdooralabama.com/photo-contest.

ADCNR promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Learn more at www.outdooralabama.com.