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Cullman council discusses tourism, infrastructure updates, a major award, hemp regulations

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council at its Monday, March 9, meeting discussed tourism activities, infrastructure updates, a major award and hemp regulations.

The meeting commenced as follows.

As the floor opened for public comments, Mike Pitts, Republican candidate for Cullman County Revenue Commissioner, addressed the council and audience.

Then local resident Elizabeth McDowell spoke before the council about the "What Would Jesus Do Act," which is meant to establish a program for the protection and support of homeless individuals within the city limits. She proposed a $750 request to support temporary shelter for two individuals she has been assisting at this time.

The council motioned to approve the following event requests:

• The Alabama Wildlife Federation will host the annual Wild Game Cook-Off fundraising event at Depot Park on April 9, 2026, from 5-9:30 p.m.; it will be underneath the large pavilion

• Walk for Sacred Heart Church from St. Boniface Church in Hanceville to Sacred Heart Church on April 12, 2026, from noon-4 p.m.

In committee reports, Councilman Chuck Shikle said, "For the first time » PAGE 5

Cullman High's Grayson Gay named APT 2026 Young Hero

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Alabama Public Television recently announced the winners of its 2025 APT Young Heroes Scholarships. Among the three winners is Cullman High School Junior Grayson Gay. Other winners are Kayden Bland of Billingsley School and Courthey Pride of Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. Each student will receive a $10,000 scholarship to the school of their choice, a laptop computer and other prizes. The students will be honored at a luncheon at The Club in Birmingham on Tuesday, April 14.



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Grayson Gay

Gay's Young Hero profile reads:

"Grayson Gay, a junior at Cullman High School in Cullman, demonstrated remarkable courage and resilience when his life changed suddenly at the age of sixteen. He was nominated by his school counselor, Shannon Dutton, who has witnessed firsthand the strength of his character and the positive influence he has had on the Cullman High School community. On January 6, 2025, he was diagnosed with stage three Hodgkin's lymphoma. The once active and healthy athlete faced months of chemotherapy treatments, hospital stays, and physical exhaustion. While his peers focused on typical teenage milestones, Grayson confronted a life-threatening illness with strength and faith.

"Although cancer forced him to step away from extracurricular activities and complete coursework virtually, Grayson remained determined. Throughout treatment, he used social media to share encouragement and faith-filled reflections, inspiring thousands in his community. His message shifted from asking why he was facing cancer to expressing gratitude for the strength it revealed within him. His story resonated widely, drawing significant community support and attention.

"Now in remission, Grayson has returned to campus and to the football field, regaining his strength and preparing for the upcoming season. He adjusted his schedule to include strength and conditioning to rebuild stamina and position himself for a starting role. His oncology team was so inspired by his outlook that they invited him to mentor other children currently undergoing treatment in the same cancer ward where he received care. He accepted eagerly, hoping to provide encouragement to those still fighting their battles.

"Grayson's servant heart extends throughout his school and community. He is a member of Key Club and Chick-fil-A Leader Academy, a selective leadership program at Cullman High School. Through these organizations, he has helped organize service projects, including fundraising initiatives and community meals for families in » PAGE 5

Dobson, Woodall address local Republicans



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Left, Alabama Secretary of State candidate Caroleene Dobson, right, Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 2 candidate Brent Woodall

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 11

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 11, 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 5

• Theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $146; Hwy. 157

March 9

• criminal mischief-3rd degree; LaQuinta Inn & Suites; damaged mirror; $250; St. Joseph Dr. NW

March 10

• criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged light; $40; Piney Point Dr. NW
• harassing communications; person
• criminal trespass-1st degree; harassment; person; Lee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

March 9-10

Bentley, Monica A.; 50

• FTA – driving without license

McLeod, Ty P.; 30

• FTA – driving without license

Rickard, Michael O.; 28

• FTA – driving without license
• FTA – speeding

Drake, Antonio L.; 38

• GJ – burglary-3rd degree
• GJ – theft of property-1st degree
• GJ – criminal mischief-1st degree

Harris, Onis S.; 34

• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council's regular meeting on Monday, March 9, was extremely brief.

The council heard from Kenneth Cornelius, Republican candidate for Cullman County Revenue Commissioner.

In committee reports, there were no updates on streets or utilities.

Councilman Greg Brown said the city's annual Senior Fish Fry will take place May 12. Additional details will be announced later.

Councilman Taft Dillashaw reported that youth baseball season will begin next month.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned in 10 minutes.

The next Good Hope City Council meeting will take place Monday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Colony (from Front)

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COLONY, Ala. – The Colony Town Council gathered for its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 10, where Mayor Jasmine Cole announced that there is a website in the works for the town. No timeline was given, but expect an update in the future.

The meeting proceeded with reports from standing committees. Starting with finance, the council discussed a revised road repair budget. At its previous meeting on Feb. 10, the council received the audit report to review. Councilman Michael Johnson motioned to approve, and it was seconded. The motion passed.

Councilman Jerrold Flanigan, for the police and fire committee, stated, "There is nothing major to report."

He mentioned that additional cameras will be discussed at a later date.

Cole told the council, "The storm shelters will need to be pressure washed." Councilwoman Lewanda Johnson said the town should put out a bid for the work.

Councilwoman Mallonee Hall, reporting on sanitation and utilities, stated, "I want to thank the folks on cleaning up. See you next month on clean-up day."

The council was advised by Town Clerk Gwendolyn Purifoy that a voting delegate needed to be chosen to represent Colony at the Alabama League of Municipalities annual convention business meeting. Current delegate Parker nominated Flanigan, with a second from Councilwoman Johnson.

The council addressed Resolution No. 2026-1 and approved its Transportation Plan.

Mayor Cole advised the council that there will be a second meeting this month on Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Republicans (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Attendees gathered Saturday, March 7, at the Cullman VFW for the Cullman County Republican Party breakfast and to listen to two candidates running for statewide office.

Alabama Secretary of State candidate Caroleene Dobson and Alabama Public Service Commission, Place 2 candidate Brent Woodall shared their backgrounds and priorities ahead of the May primary.

Dobson told the crowd she decided to enter politics after running for Congress in 2024 following Alabama's congressional redistricting. Although she did not win the race, Dobson said the experience motivated her to pursue the secretary of state position, focusing on election security and government efficiency.

"As your next secretary of state, I want to protect the process, not just on Election Day but long before and long after," she said.

She said her priorities include maintaining accurate voter rolls by removing deceased voters, identifying voters who have moved out of state and strengthening proof-of-identity and citizenship requirements during voter registration.

She also emphasized enforcing laws against absentee ballot harvesting and working with state lawmakers to improve election auditing procedures.

In addition to election integrity, Dobson said the secretary of state's office plays an important role in supporting businesses across Alabama. She said she wants to streamline business services and reduce fees to make it easier for small businesses to operate and grow in the state.

Woodall highlighted his background in industrial sales, legal work with the Alabama Attorney General's Office and time with the U.S. Attorney's Office before joining the commission staff. His campaign focuses largely on utility regulation and rising electric costs in Alabama.

"Alabama has some of the highest electric bills in the country," Woodall said. "The Public Service Commission is supposed to regulate the utilities, not the other way around."

Woodall criticized the commission's current structure and called for leadership that better balances the interests of utility companies with those of consumers. He said transparency and accountability at the commission are key priorities for his campaign.

Both candidates encouraged voters to participate in the upcoming Republican Primary Election on Tuesday, May 19.

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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.
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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 13 – 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 15 – 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.
• 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!

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, March 15, at 5 p.m. with The Pylant Family. Everyone is welcome. The church is located on U. S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left.

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

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Spring Revival
Monday-Friday, April 6-10, at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Bro. Jared Dixon. The Dixons will be singing. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U. S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501. If you can't come, please pray for us.

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

Buddy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Buddy is a Golden Retriever/Lab mix, approximately 2 years old, with a calm spirit that makes an immediate impression. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Low-energy and full of quiet charm, Buddy carries himself like an unassuming gentleman with manners in abundance. Even in his kennel, he remains ever so quiet, a calm presence in the middle of the storm.

Some of Buddy's favorite things include giving sugar and having his beautiful golden coat brushed.

He has the kind of steady, gentle nature that makes him the quintessential companion dog, whether for quiet evenings at home, reading time on the couch or even as a therapy-style companion.

Buddy is already neutered, which means his adoption fee has been reduced to $35. That said, the lower fee is certainly no reflection of his value. Buddy is, by every measure, priceless.

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 Buddy is not available by the time you contact the shelter, be sure to ask about his friends, because they are all looking for their forever homes, too.

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TheraPlay hosting sensory friendly Easter event April 8

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Easter Sunday is approaching! We are less than a month away from all the family fun and festivities. As you plan for events and trips in between family gatherings, church services and community agendas, don't miss out on TheraPlay's Easter event.

Easter can be overwhelming with crowded egg hunts and the pressure of cooking, decorating and so on.

TheraPlay is offering a sensory friendly option for the whole family to enjoy. All can join for slow-paced games, egg hunts and more.

If you and your littles prefer a more relaxed setting, this event will take place Wednesday, April 8, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at 1635 Field of Miracles Drive SW, Cullman.

Get more details at www.facebook.com/theraplayal.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Johnson and Bates homer; Storey pitches a complete game for Cullman in 6-1 area win over Jasper

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Lady Bearcats welcomed rival Jasper on Tuesday evening for their first area game of 2026, and sent the Vikings home with a 6-1 loss.

The Bearcats, with the win, improved their record to 13-2 on the year.

Starting, and eventually finishing, the game for Cullman was Kynlei Storey. The 5-8 junior showed excellent command across all seven innings, throwing 85 pitches and finishing with six hits, one earned run, six strikeouts and the win.

"It always starts with the pitcher. She stayed ahead and attacked the hitters, she forced them to go into defensive mode and did a great job setting the tone for us and letting the defense work. She hit spots, got soft contact and we made the routine plays behind her," Bearcats head coach Drew Bryson said.

After getting a ground out to open the game and striking out a batter in the top of the first, Storey gave up the first of three extra base hits on the day. The Vikings' third baseman, Lexi Kilgore, lined a ball to the gap for a double, but she recovered with a pop out on a high pitch to end the inning.

Leading off the game for Cullman's offense, Abby Maples drilled a liner to the outfield and turned two to quickly get in scoring position. Dracen Bates was slotted in the cleanup spot, and took full advantage of an already-rattled Butler. On a fastball right down the middle, Bates mashed a home run to left-center field to put the Bearcats up 2-0.

The top of the second went even better for Storey, striking out the first two batters she faced and getting some help finishing a one-two-three inning with a slick throw from Sam Johnson to put out Jasper's Natalie Pittman. While two Cullman baserunners (Storey and Haylee Little) made it on in the second by way of walks, Vikings pitcher Bryleigh Butler got out of the jam with a pair of strikeouts and a pop out. In the third, she wouldn't be so lucky.

After the near-perfect second, Storey continued her great start. A quick pop-out was followed by a strikeout, but at the plate Butler stepped in, and to help make up for the homer she gave up on the mound, took a ball for a ride to right field to put Jasper on the board, with Cullman still leading 2-1.

Storey gave up another hit shortly after, but a ground out got her out of the inning. On offense, Hattie Graham was walked to lead things off in the third.

Johnson stepped to the plate, seemingly on a mission to make sure no momentum was to be had after Jasper's score. On a 2-1 count, Johnson smoked a ball over the center field fence for a 2 RBI homer to make it 4-1 Bearcats.

After Graham picked off a baserunner to end a scoreless fourth for Storey, the Bearcats added to their lead. Little got on base after a walk, and stole second after a wild throw got by Jasper's first baseman. Maples then knocked her in with a hard grounder got past the infield, extending Cullman's lead to 5-1.

Storey threw another one-two-three inning in the top of the sixth, setting the stage for Cullman's offense to finish the game off.

In almost identical fashion to the fourth inning, Maples knocked in Little, who was on base after a walk. The Bearcats went up 6-1 and took the win after Storey got out of a jam in the top of the seventh.

"We got a great ball club. We knew going in we had a great ball club, they had a tough year last year, but the potential was there. That's the one thing since June that we've talked about-talked to them throughout the summer and the fall and up to this point now, 'We're really good, we just got to play like it, and believe it.' I think we've gotten off to a really good start, this puts us at 13-2. I think the girls have started to see, 'Hey, we are good. When we do things right, we're a really good team and the expectation when we walk through the gate is that we're gonna win the ballgame," Bryson said.

The Bearcats return to action at home on Thursday night at 4:30, where they'll take on the Arab Knights.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Kynlei Storey

PREP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Scores and stats for March 10, 2026

Lucas Gray
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BASEBALL

• Hubbertville 3, Addison 2 – Batting: C. Speegle 2-3 (2B) Pitching: K. Lake 3.0 IP, 0 ER, K

• Homewood 12, Cullman 7 – Batting: J. Inman 3-4 (HR), RBI – B. Vincent 1-4 (2B), RBI Pitching: M. Carver 1.1 IP, 5 ER, K

• Fairview 12, Good Hope 8 – Batting: C. Scott (Fair.) 1-3, 3 RBI – C. Rutherford (Good.) 2-4 (2B), 2 RBI Pitching: J. Robertson 3.2 IP, ER, 2 K, W

• Holly Pond 9, Hanceville 3 – Batting: C. Bell (Holly.) 2-3, 3 RBI Pitching: H. Stephens 6.1 IP, ER, 4 K, W

• Holly Pond 10, Hanceville 5 – Batting: C. Eubanks (Holly.) 1-2, 2 RBI Pitching: K. Johnson 4.0 IP, 0 ER, 2 K, W

• Locust Fork 7, Vinemont 5 – Batting: C. Drummond 1-2 (2B), 2 RBI Pitching: R. Dalton 4.1, ER, 5 K

• Vinemont 12, Locust Fork 2 – Batting: J. Rhodes 2-3 (2B x2), 2 RBI Pitching: C. Drummond 5.2 IP, 0 ER, 12 K, W

• West Point 8, Arab 7 – Batting: T. Thornton 3-6 (2B x3), 2 RBI – D. Cleghorn 4-5, 3 RBI Pitching: L. Campbell 2.1 IP, ER, K, W

SOFTBALL

• Lynn 13, Addison 3 – Batting: M. Carter 0-0 (3 BB), RBI Pitching: M. Carter 5.0 IP, 13 ER, 4 K

• Vinemont 8, Cold Springs 5 – Batting: P. Kennedy (Cold.) 1-3 (2B), 2 RBI – B. Basinger (Vine.) 2-4 (2B), RBI Pitching: T. Vines 7.0 IP, 4 ER, 9 K, W

• Cullman 6, Jasper 1 – Batting: D. Bates 2-2 (2B, HR), 2 RBI – A. Maples 3-4 (2B), 2 RBI Pitching: K. Storey 7.0 IP, ER, 6 K, W

• Hanceville 18, Holly Pond 3 – Batting: I. Spinks (Hance.) 3-3 (2B, 3B), RBI Pitching: K. Farr 3.0 IP, 0 ER, 5 K

• Lawrence Co. 3, West Point 2 – Batting: B. Phillips 1-4 (2B), RBI Pitching: K. Jones 6.0 IP, 3 ER, K

PREP BASEBALL

Holly Pond's Sam Hunt throws a no-hitter, strikes out 12 as Broncos shut out Hanceville 6-0

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Hanceville Bulldogs traveled to take on the Holly Pond Broncos in an area game on Monday afternoon. Holly Pond got out to a quick 3-0 lead, and that was more than enough run support for Sam Hunt, who pitched a no-hitter and struck out 12 in the Broncos' 6-0 shutout win over Hanceville.

Hunt took the rubber for Holly Pond to start the game off, and quickly settled down and got Cody Belcher to bunt into a double play, then he struck out Hunter Black to get out of the inning unscathed.

The Broncos gave him some early run support in their half. Cole Eubanks hit a one-out single, then he stole second. Black struck out Tucker Dunn, but he walked Ty Dunn to put runners on first and second with two outs.

Mason Brown hit an RBI single to right field to give Holly Pond the early lead, then back-to-back errors by Hanceville allowed Dunn and Brown to score to make it 3-0.

Hunt had his strikeout pitch working early and often.

After getting one to start out the game, he struck out at least two batters in the next four innings. Hanceville's new pitcher, Laklan Wallace, came in to start out the second inning, and he kept the Bronco bats in check for the next two innings.

He got in trouble in the fourth inning, as a hit by pitch and a single put runners on first and second to lead off the inning.

A sacrifice moved both runners over to second and third, but Wallace got Eubanks to fly out to center field, and Belcher threw it to Black, who then found Weeks at third base, and they nailed Johnathan Hamby at third to keep it at a three-run game.

The pitcher duel continued after that, as both Hunt and Wallace kept the opposing team's offenses at bay going into the sixth inning. Hunt continued to rack up the strikeouts in the top of the sixth.

He punched out the first two batters to lead off the inning, then after an error, he ended the inning by getting yet another strikeout. Holly Pond added to their lead in their half.

Jackson Miller took the first pitch he saw and lined it into center field for a leadoff double. Hamby got hit by the pitch to put runners on first and second. A sacrifice bunt moved them over to second and third, then Camden Bell lined an RBI single to center field to give the Broncos a 4-0 lead.

One out later and after Bell stole second, Tucker Dunn hit a two-run single to left field to stretch their lead to 6-0. Hunt retired the Bulldogs in order in the seventh, as that helped seal the 6-0 shutout win for Holly Pond.

Hunt struck out 12, and pitched a no-hitter across seven innings in his complete game effort. He finished the day with 94 pitches.

Tucker Dunn finished with a hit and two RBIs for the Broncos, while Bell and Brown each added a hit and an RBI in the game.

Both teams will face off against each other again on Tuesday at Hanceville.



Hero (from Front)

need. He has also supported Special Olympics events and intentionally includes students with special needs, ensuring they feel valued and seen. His kindness is genuine and instinctive.

"Academically, Grayson maintains a 3.8 GPA while enrolled in Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses.

"He is preparing to take the ACT and has enrolled in an ACT preparation course to support his goals. Despite the disruption of a cancer diagnosis, he remains focused on his academic future and aspires to pursue a career in pharmaceutical sales, where he hopes to impact others in the health field.

"Grayson Gay embodies resilience, faith, and compassion. His courage in the face of illness, combined with his commitment to serving others, makes him a powerful example of strength and leadership. He is a deserving recipient of recognition as a Young Hero."

One of the three Young Heroes will also be honored with the Marissa Feigelson Community Service Award during the lunch and ceremony on April 14.

"The award was created in honor of one of the first APT Young Heroes who tragically lost her battle with cancer.

"Each year Marissa's father, Mr. Mickey Feigelson, selects the winner of the award, which includes an additional $1,000 scholarship.

This is the 25th year of APT's Young Heroes Awards. Nominees for the award must be full-time students in 11th or 12th grade, and must have demonstrated academic excellence, active participation in their community and the courage to persevere in the face of adversity.

"Nominations were accepted from school staff, family members or other members of the students' communities from September 2025 – January 2026.

The APT Young Heroes program is made possible by the generous donations of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama and The Harris Trust.

Learn more at www.aptv.org/heroes.

Cullman (from Front)

in a long time, our 911 operators are fully staffed."

Cullman County Tourism Bureau Executive Director Harmony Heard, advised that go.visitcullman.com is live.

It features many businesses, eateries and everything you need to stay up to date with Cullman events. Under the "Plan Your Trip" tab on the home page, you will see "Weekend Itinerary." This helps tourists narrow down their search, whether they would like to explore the downtown area, faith-based options or the perfect places for a girls' trip.

If you would like to display your business or event, email info@visitcullman.com. Heard advised all to keep an eye out for the upcoming newsletter.

Councilman Paul Schaffer addressed wastewater treatment plant updates. Prep work on three concrete storage tanks in varying conditions began in January.

The first tank was built in 1962 and the other two in 1982 and 1998. As of February, he said, 80% of the prep work has been completed. Recoating the exteriors will commence in April.

Council President Kim Hall mentioned the new alert and notification system. Residents can simply text "CullmanAL" to 38276 to start receiving text alerts.

Residents can also go to CullmanAL.gov/alerts and complete the sign-up form to manage the notifications they receive.

Mayor Woody Jacobs in his report addressed paving in front of the new Redstone Federal Credit Union on U.S. Highway 31. He advised that, despite several complaints about the conditions, this was not the City of Cullman's work, but the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). It has re-paved, but still has to complete the painting.

"That's all I have to say about that," he concluded.

Jacobs welcomed Nathan Anderson and team members of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism team to recognize them for their role in the City of Cullman receiving the Rainer Bauer Award from the Alabama Germany Partnership. (See www.cullmantribune.com/2026/03/city-of-cullman-receives-rainer-bauer-award-from-alabama-germany-partnership)



CHASADY WOODS/ THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs (center, in gray shirt), Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson (holding award) and others pose with the Rainer Bauer Award from the Alabama Germany Partnership at the Cullman City Council meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Cullman was acknowledged for its commitment to its German heritage through events such as Cullman Oktoberfest and the Cullman Christkindlmarkt, which attract hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Jacobs stated Cullman had welcomed 500,000 people to Cullman with Octoberfest and Christkindlmarkt.

In new business, Hall addressed the council's first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-33 to adopt regulations for the retail sale of hemp products within the city, which received a favorable recommendation from the Alcohol Review Committee.

Shikle stated, "This is the most restrictive ordinance we can do on this particular agenda."

The State of Alabama passed the legalization of hemp products so the council has to pass regulations for businesses that aim to sell these products.

There are distances from schools and churches as well as limitations such as no drive-throughs, displays and limited business locations.

These establishments must be 1,000 feet away from schools and churches as well as 1,500 feet away from licensed locations already selling these products. Violations are punishable to up to $500 worth of fines per offense, business license revocation and injunctions. Products are limited to package stores and pharmacies to restrict access to children.

The Cullman City Council will meet again on Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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Spirit Life Church collecting toy cars and trucks

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As we clean out garages and gather up old clothes and forgotten toys to donate during the process of spring cleaning, keep in mind the many organizations that could use those items.

A local nonprofit aiming to meet the needs of children within the community has requested toy car and truck donations.

They can be dropped off at Spirit Life Church on 1650 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman, Alabama 35055.

This will last through the month of March.

If you have any further questions or comments reach out to Gina Clevenger 205-936-2653 or Pam Dodd 256-318-4555.

You can also email Kids Loving Kids at kidslovingkids2@gmail.com.

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Read, no matter what!

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In honor of "Read Across America," I would like to share my two cents on what it means to be a "reader."

I didn't always love to read. I have always loved to write, though I never saw myself as a writer. I would get frustrated at myself when I would spend too much time with one hobby rather than the other.

I was currently assigned to read some form of classic literature in school and grew tired of it.

I did value its importance and to this day encourage others to read classics, but know that it isn't everyone's cup of tea.

I had entered a writing slump in my teenage years, and instead of writing or finishing my assigned reading, I spent my time reading a fantasy series.

Whether it was the guilt of actually enjoying reading or the disappointment in myself for not being productive with my assignments or writing - I will never really know. Though I felt some sort of disdain.

It wasn't until I read a quote from Stephen King in "On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft" that I was able to make peace with it.

He wrote, "If you want to be a writer, you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot."

He then advised, "There's no way around these two things that I'm aware of, no shortcut."

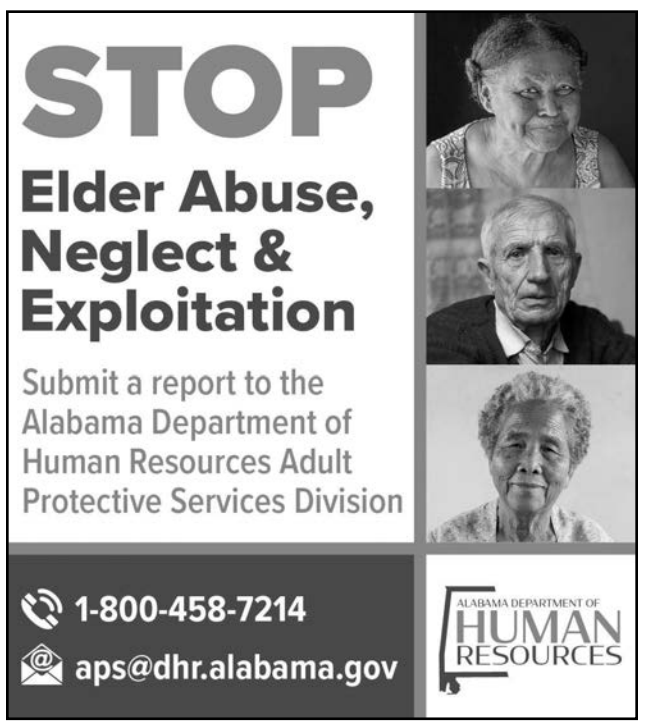
From then on my constant indecision between reading and writing didn't matter.

No matter how many advice columns I read on how to discipline myself as a writer, all I cared about was that Stephen King said it was OK to do both.

There was no constant pressure to read things that were difficult or impressive. I didn't feel bad about what I read as long as I was reading.

I did exactly that! I read magazines, newspaper articles, comics, religious history, manga, epic poems, banned books, historical diaries, romance and whatever I felt like picking up that week.

So read, no matter! Don't forget to write, if you want. Overall, experience as much storytelling and creativity as you can!



Obituary Announcements: March 10-11

Jimmy Wade Oldacre, 79
Jimmy Wade Oldacre, 79, of West Point, died peacefully at home on March 8, 2026, surrounded by his loving family after a short illness. Jimmy was born in Cullman, Alabama, on Aug. 9, 1946, to Virgil Lee and Ruth (McCravy) Oldacre. Jimmy attended Battleground School and West Point High School, where he graduated in 1964. Jimmy loved Alabama football and West Point basketball. But most of all, he loved his grandchildren. He enjoyed going to their sporting events and was their biggest supporter. The bleachers won't be the same without him there, cheering them on. Jimmy had a large garden every year and loved to grow tomatoes, squash, okra, peas, and anything else he could try. He and Anita canned as much as they could and enjoyed giving away the extra vegetables. Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harold Oldacre. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anita Whitaker Oldacre; sons Zach (Tiffany) and Todd (Emily); grandchildren Audrey Kate, Jude, and Tillman Oldacre, and Mariah Wilhite; sisters Bonnie Smith and Mattie Miller; and a host of extended family. Pallbearers will be Blake Thompson, Declan Yearwood, Josh Brown, Brandon Netherton, Michael Oldacre, Wayne Netherton, Tim Sapp, Jason Gerstman, and Reggie Freeman. Services will be on Thursday, March 12, at 1 p.m., at Bethlehem West Baptist Church, with visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Emeus Cemetery. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Southern Care Hospice for the care given in his last days. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Samantha Marie Rogers, 21
Samantha Marie Rogers, 21, of Fairview passed away on March 8, 2026. Samantha was born in Fullerton, California to Chris and April Rogers on Feb. 12, 2005. She graduated from Fairview High School in 2023 where she cheered for her youth years and again in high school. She was also a member of Cullman Ballet Theatre School for 9 years where she was also member of the Cullman Ballet Company. Samantha loved working with all children from her job at a local preschool, teaching cheer to all Fairview Youth Cheerleaders since her 7th grade year of 2017 and teaching dance classes at Genesis Performing Arts for the past two years. Samantha is preceded in death by her Grandmother Kim Rogers, Great Grandmother Bernice Rogers and Great Grandparents Bo and Aileen Chamness. Samantha is survived by her parents Chris and April Rogers, Brother Chris Rogers Jr and Sister Emily Rogers. Grandparents Avery and Pam Allred, Uncle Joe (Jill) Rogers, Uncle Greg Rogers, Aunt Susie Allred, Cousins Levi Allred, Ryan Isbell, Zoiey Gilliland, Zada Gilliland and Ryker Pitts. Along with Best Friend Madison Kovar and Cadence Ryan. Viewing will be held Thursday, March 12, at Hanceville Funeral Home. 5-6 p.m. Family. 6-8 p.m. Friends and Family. In lieu of flowers, family is asking that you sponsor a dancer, cheerleader or twirler in Samantha's name. To sponsor a dancer or twirler, email Samlegacyfund@gmail.com To sponsor a Fairview Youth cheerleader or twirler, contact Treyla Kessler at 256-507-1365.

Linda Reid White, 72
Linda Reid White, 72, of Holly Pond, Alabama, was welcomed into heaven by our Lord and Savior in the early morning hours of Monday, March 9, 2026. Linda was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Dec. 3, 1953, to Leslie Eugene and Melba Rhea Holcombe Reid. Mrs. White is preceded in death by her parents, Gene and Melba Reid, and two grandchildren, Tarrant White and Lexi White. Linda's memory will be cherished by her beloved husband, Travis White; children, Chuck Schultz (Nandi), Dave Schultz, Brett White (Jennifer), and Lacey McGriff (Zach); her grandchildren, Destiny Goodman (Mason), Collin Schultz, Mia McGriff, Jackson Schultz, Grayson McGriff; her brothers, Kenny Reid (Cindy), Jerry Reid (Linda), Rick Reid (Vicky), Jeffery Reid; a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. Mrs. White attended Holly Pond School and was a member of the 1972 graduating class. Those who knew Linda know that she was a child of God. Having been baptized into the family of believers in 1966, Linda's faith was who she was. Her faith was never hidden and was always evident in the many ways she loved and cared for others. Linda worshipped at Full Gospel Church of Holly Pond, but her relationship with Christ was more than Sunday morning church attendance. Mrs. White spent time in her Bible, learning and trusting the words of the Father, actively seeking to know Him. She encouraged others by posting daily verses of scripture on her Facebook page. And she prayed – Linda prayed for those she loved. Mrs. Linda's love for God created a woman with a servant heart for others. She was always doing for and serving others. Linda worked in home health for a while, but most of her life was spent taking care of her family. She ironed from home for the public, grew a vegetable garden, canned those vegetables for her family, cooked dozens of options each meal to insure everyone had something to eat that they loved, and spoiled her husband, children, and grandchildren – giving her all to those she adored. If Linda did ever take a few minutes to enjoy something for herself, she might crochet, play the piano, or sing, but those minutes for herself were very few. Linda enjoyed loving others, and pouring her love into her family brought her joy. Friends are invited to join the White family for visitation on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 11 a.m.-noon, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Services will follow at noon, with Pastor Jeremy Collier officiating. Linda will be laid to rest in Union Grove Cemetery. Few people will ever have someone as special as Linda White in their life, but those who have had the great blessing of knowing her will carry her love with them in their hearts. While she will be missed, we find joy in knowing that Linda is in the presence of the Father, worshipping her King and continuing to lift those she loves in prayer before Him. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Clara Barnett, 99
Clara M. Elliott Barnett age 99 of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away March 8, 2026, at 4:45 p.m. She was born Feb. 16, 1927, in Hanceville to Elbert M. Elliott and Myrtie Whaley Elliott. Aunt Clara, as she was well known to many was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Johnny L. Barnett of 65 years and all seven siblings; Laura M. Elliott Alexander, Matthew Elliott, Herman Elliott, Idus Elliott, Arzuma "Pat" Elliott Stephens, Gene Elliott and Van Elliott. She leaves behind many nieces, nephews and devoted friends. A private graveside service will be held at Cullman City Cemetery. No flowers please. To leave condolences for the Barnett family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Percy William Baldwin, 77
A memorial service for Percy William Baldwin, 77, of Falkville will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Living Faith Baptist Church at Good Hope, Pastor Larry Brown officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Baldwin family. Mr. Baldwin passed away Monday, March 9, 2026, at his residence. He was born April 24, 1948, to William and Jewel Geneva Scott Baldwin. He was a truck driver. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was faithful to the Lord and loved his family and church family. He especially loved his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Betty Fay Baldwin; daughter, Jewel Baldwin; son, Earl Baldwin; brothers and sisters Survivors include his sons, William Baldwin (Teresa), Kevin Baldwin (Sierra); daughter, Tabatha Smothers (David); brother, David Baldwin; grandchildren, Brent Smothers, Kayla Graham, Ava Baldwin, Eliza Baldwin; great-grandchildren, Cayden Smothers, Dawson Johnson, Teagan Smothers, Bridger Graham; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Linda Frances Allen, 78
Graveside Service for Linda Frances Allen, age 78 of Northport, formerly of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Miss Allen passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at her residence. She was born, Feb. 6, 1948, to F.M. Cook and Evalene Umphrey Cook. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her daughter, Melissa Ellis (Vince) and cousin, Cheryl Hodo (Neal).

Ronald Lee South, 78
Ronald was born on July 19, 1947, in Cullman Alabama to Robert Lee South and Johanna T. South. He died on March 8, 2026, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. A private graveside service will be held on March 13, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Friendship Cemetery in Vinemont, Alabama. Ronald honorably served the United States Army with two tours of duty in Vietnam during the late 60s and 70s. He lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee, working as an accountant. Ronald was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide football fan and enjoyed reading, gardening, and cooking, Ronald was preceded in death by his father, Robert Lee South and his daughter, Kathryn Denise South. Ronald's survivors include his daughter, Traci Dunn; mother, Johanna South; brothers, Robert (Nancy) South, Franchot (Kay) South, Mark South; and sister, Johanna South Chambers. Grandchildren include Ava Blackwell, Melanie Armstrong, Michelle Short, and Amber Lee. Nephews and nieces include Rob South, Scott (Amanda) South, Jenny (Brad) Newton, Tyler South, Sayde South, Ian Newton and Ezra Newton. Pallbearers will be Robert South, Franchot South, Mark South, Rob South, Scott South and Brad Newton. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Bonnie Jean Schaefer, 89
Funeral service for Bonnie Jean Schaefer, 89, of Hanceville will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Welti Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12-1 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Schaefer passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born June 22, 1936, to Max and Vada Mae Sullins Holland. She was a very smart and artistic lady. She loved to draw, paint, loved photography, sewing, cooking, and gardening. She grew roses and entered them in the fair every year. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother and sister. Survivors include her husband, Arnold Schaefer; son, Michael Laney (Melissa); daughters, Paula Jean Hooven (Bill), Sandra June Martin (Brian), Penny Diann Felton (Brian); sisters, Jeanetta Palmer, Norma Holland Ransom, Nora Dean; grandchildren, Brandi Hicks, Daniel Holman, Billy Hooven, Jesse Hooven, Deshannon Burns, Elizabeth Laney, Patrick Laney, Mark Laney, Wesley Phillips, Matt Phillips, Tina Gilley, Joe Martin Molly Davis; 17 great-grandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Francisca Garcia, 77
Funeral services for Francisca Garcia, age 77 of Decatur, will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Oscar Garcia officiating. Burial will follow in Midway Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home.

Dale 'Squirrel' Ahrendt, Jr., 65
Memorial services for Dale "Squirrel" Ahrendt, Jr, age 65 of Somerville, will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2026, at 2 p.m. at the Hospice of the Valley Community Bereavement Center located at 240 Johnston St. SE Decatur. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF REBECCA LEA BOYD.

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Notice to: JENNIFER NICOLE WORRALL
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Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of D.T.V., a minor child born April 3, 2014, to Jennifer Nicole Worrall was filed on the 23rd day of January, 2026, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Rebecca Lea Boyd. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 10th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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Notice to: JENNIFER NICOLE WORRALL
ANTONIO VILLA JR. and
ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF S.A.R.V.

WJC

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of S.A.R.V., a minor child born April 14, 2015, to Jennifer Nicole Worrall was filed on the 23rd day of January, 2026, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Rebecca Lea Boyd. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 10th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-058

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
P. O. Box 398
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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
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Phone: 256-737-0740

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.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 210 2nd Avenue NW – Auto Zone – addition/expansion
2. 1408 Maple Drive NW – new single-family home – front setback

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-074

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRIAN EDWIN LEE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Catherine E. Lee on the 9th day of March, 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.

Catherine E. Lee
Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-104

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Sandra W. SLOAN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Stephanie L. Wright on the 9th day of March, 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.

Stephanie L. Wright
Personal Representative

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Larry Smith & Marti Smith,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: DV 2026-900087

Diosa Rivera Romine &
Corey Romine,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendants, Diosa Rivera Romine & Corey Romine, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for Unlawful Detainer ($2,922.00) by April 9, 2026 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case No. DV 206-900087, District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 26th day of February, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
G. Edward Coey
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-436

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLOIE A. RAY POWELL, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to David Randal Ray on the 6th day of March, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

David Randal Ray
Personal Representative

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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 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.

PUBLICATION DATES: March 5, March 12 and March 19, 2026
NEWSPAPER: The Cullman Tribune

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CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Primary School was presented with a $5,000 grant from the TVA to support the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program.

CCPS receives TVA grant for STEM program

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. - Cullman City Primary School was presented with a $5,000 grant from the TVA to support the school's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program this week.

With this award, the CCPS STEM program has now received more than $10,000 in grant funding so far this school year, which has allowed teachers to expand hands-on learning opportunities and continue growing the program for students.

"One thing we were able to do was STEM career exposure," Anna Anderson, STEM teacher at Cullman City Primary School, explained. "I really wanted our students to know what real, connected STEM careers are out there for them, so they can connect it back to the classroom."

The program was also able to purchase a STEM library of tools, so students can understand how these activities relate to potential real-life careers.

Several community leaders were in attendance, including Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Councilman Paul Schaeffer, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, CCPS Principal Dr. Elizabeth Shaddix and other local supporters, who came to hear about the project and see how these resources are already impacting students.



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