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CULLMAN, Ala. — Campaign finance reports filed with the Alabama Secretary of State are providing an early look at how candidates in Cullman County's 2026 local races are raising and spending money. The Tribune will be publishing a series of articles taking a look at the financials of local campaigns.

The filings, submitted under Alabama's Fair Campaign Practices Act, detail contributions, expenditures and funding sources for each campaign and are publicly available through the state's online reporting system.

At this stage in the reporting cycle, financial activity varies by race, with some candidates reporting limited or no activity and others showing more detailed fundraising and spending patterns.

Unopposed races

Several candidates are unopposed in their respective races:

- Jeremy Kilpatrick, Cullman County Coroner
- Jeffery Lawson, Cullman County Board of Education District 2
- Michael Graves, Cullman County Board of Education District 6
- Kerry Neighbors, Cullman County Board of Education District 7

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West Elementary Principal Dr. Jay Page set to retire in June

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After more than three decades in education, West Elementary School Principal Dr. Jay Page is retiring this June.

Page has spent more than 20 years with Cullman City Schools, beginning his career in January 1992 as a P.E. teacher at East and West Elementary for one semester before moving to Cullman Middle School, where he taught social studies and math intervention. He later spent 10 years at Hartselle City Schools and served as assistant principal at Vinemont High School before returning to Cullman in 2005 as assistant principal at Cullman High School. He eventually became principal at West Elementary, where he has served for the past 13 years.

Page said one of the most meaningful accomplishments throughout his time at West has been guiding the school through major changes in academic standards. Shortly after his arrival, curriculum expectations became more rigorous, shifting from a focus on memorization to deeper understanding, particularly in language arts.

"We took those new standards and really dove into them and worked hard on them," he said. "I think that helped our students."

He credited teachers and instructional coaches for embracing those changes and helping position the school ahead of many others as new initiatives, including the Alabama Literacy Act, were introduced.

Throughout his career, Page said, his leadership philosophy has remained simple: encourage students, faculty and staff to work hard, act respectfully and improve a little each day.



WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

After more than three decades in education, West Elementary School Principal Dr. Jay Page is retiring this June.

"It's just small increments of getting better," he said. "Something a little bit better today. Over time, that makes a difference."

While education has evolved, Page said, students themselves have remained largely the same.

"I don't think kids have changed a whole lot," he said. "What they have access to may be different, but they still want boundaries, and they respond to encouragement and expectations."

Rather than pointing to a single defining moment, Page said his career has been shaped by count- » PAGE 3

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Arrests and incidents reported March 23

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 23, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 19

- domestic violence; CR 1386
- stalking; Self Ave. NE
- trafficking drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Hwy. 278W
- elder abuse; CR 791
- giving false ID to law enforcement officer; CR 1763

March 20

- theft of property; CR 1669
- violation of protection order; CR 1435
- criminal mischief; CR 431
- harassment; permitting dogs to run at large; CR 529
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 636
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 283
- violation of protection order; CR 1114
- criminal mischief; CR 813

March 21

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 617
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
- assault; CR 246
- burglary; CR 1579
- domestic violence; CR 386
- theft of property; CR 655
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1850
- possession of controlled substance with intent to sell/distribute; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 69N

March 22

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Main St. NW
- burglary; Hwy. 278E
- harassing communications; CR 1108

ARRESTS

March 19-22

Abbott, Caitlin F.; 30
- attempting to elude a police officer
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- tampering with physical evidence
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Black, Justin D.; 34
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)
- FTA – expired tag

Blanton, Freda J.; 50
- possession of dangerous drugs

Brown, Carl G.; 23
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – obstructing justice using false identity
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Burnett, Brandy T.; 45
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Chambers, Tiffany C.; 35
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Davenport, William A.; 19
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Doyle, Kenneth W.; 40
- counterfeiting
- forged instrument
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Durham, Jesse E.; 44
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- burglary-residence-force

Gilliland, Bobby W.; 29
- attempting to elude a police officer
- buying/receiving stolen property, $1500 or more
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harbison, Ann M.; 42
- burglary-residence-force
- drug trafficking
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Onis S.; 34
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hill, James T.; 31
- GJ – burglary-residence-no force

Hopper, David B.; 33
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Horton, Joyce H.; 69
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Jackson, Michael L.; 67
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of drug paraphernalia
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – DUI (other substances)

Keaton, Charles K.; 59
- FTA – driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood

King, Laura J.; 23
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – assault-child abuse-simple-family (4 counts)

Mitchell, Tammy M.; 45
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- negotiating worthless instrument

Moctezuma, Kimberly L.; 32
- possession of dangerous drugs
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Pedersen, Christopher A.; 37
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Perry, Andrew S.; 39
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Amelia B.; 20
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family (2 counts)

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 55
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Speegle, Julia A.; 61
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Styles, Benjamin T.; 38
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Sutton, Amanda N.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Swafford, Christopher J.; 48
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Turney, Elizabeth A.; 44
- assault-domestic-menacing-intimidation only
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – promote prison contraband
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – public intoxication

Villa, Jr., Antonio; 46
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – criminal trespass (2 counts)

Wideman, Kevin M.; 51
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 17
- menacing; person; Marktplatz Ctr.

March 21
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW

March 22
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd St. SW
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; 1st St. NW

ARRESTS

March 20-22

Fortenberry, Stephen B.; 41
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – expired tag

Guzman, Doris K.; 37
- DUI
- reckless endangerment

Guzman, Angel M.; 45
- DUI

Griffin, Evelyn M.; 19
- theft of property-4th degree

Puckett, Genesis L.; 22
- FTA – insurance violation

Higgins, Tameron J.; 18
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Williams, Jeremy O.; 40
- criminal trespass-1st degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Auditions set for Cullman Community Theatre's production of 'My Fair Lady'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Community Theatre is preparing for its August production of "My Fair Lady" and has announced a full slate of audition dates for local performers interested in joining the cast.

According to Cullman Community Theatre's posted audition information, prospective cast members should attend one of three general audition time slots: Friday, May 15, from 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m.-noon; or Saturday, May 16, from 1-5 p.m.

An ensemble dance call is also scheduled for Sunday, May 17, from 2-5 p.m.

Auditions will be held at the Train Depot at Depot Park, next to Festhalle.

Those auditioning are asked to prepare a 32-bar cut of a song in the style of the show, roughly one verse and one chorus, along with a one-minute monologue that may be either dramatic or comedic.

Performers should also be prepared for cold reads from the script. A speaker will be available for accompaniment tracks.

Casting is open to performers from ninth grade through adults, with limited ensemble roles available for children ages 8-13.

Cullman Community Theatre has directed interested participants to review character descriptions and dance materials prior to auditions at http://Linktr.ee/mycct.

Rehearsals are scheduled to begin June 1. The posted rehearsal calendar lists Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., along with some Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A full rehearsal schedule will be available at auditions.

Performance dates for "My Fair Lady" are scheduled for Aug. 13-16.

Questions may be directed to director Kristy McCrickard at kristymccrickard@gmail.com.

Cullman Community Theatre has remained active in local arts programming in recent months, with Tribune reporting in February noting the organization's production of "Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical" as part of Cullman's ongoing community arts efforts.

"My Fair Lady" auditions at a glance

What: Auditions for "My Fair Lady"

Where: Train Depot at Depot Park, next to Festhalle

When:
- Friday, May 15, 5-9 p.m.
- Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.-noon
- Saturday, May 16, 1-5 p.m.
- Ensemble dance call Sunday, May 17, 2-5 p.m.

Who can audition:
- Ninth-grade through adult
- Limited roles for ages 8-13

What to prepare:
- 32-bar cut of a song
- One-minute monologue
- Be ready for cold reads

Rehearsals begin: June 1

Show dates: Aug. 13-16

More info: http://Linktr.ee/mycct

Contact: kristymccrickard@gmail.com

Cultivate (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cultivate is a new women's outreach initiative that will hold its first monthly gathering at the Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church Youth House at 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW on Thursday, March 26, at 11:30 a.m. The group is open to women of all ages and will feature rotating topics designed to encourage fellowship, personal growth and faith-centered learning.

Organizer Lisa Jones said the idea for Cultivate grew out of a preparedness presentation she previously shared with local groups, including a women's business organization and a library program. After being asked to present at her church, Jones said, the concept expanded into something more intentional.

"As I began thinking on this, my thoughts expanded to the verses in Titus 2 that instruct older women to teach the younger women," she said.

Jones said her upbringing played a significant role in shaping the vision for the group. She recalled learning a range of homemaking and self-sufficiency skills from her grandmother, including sewing and cooking, as well as growing food.

"Many of the homemaking skills that I learned growing up are not being taught or practiced. But in my conversations with younger women, many have said they have a desire to learn," she shared.

That interest led Jones to consider a monthly gathering where women could come together to share knowledge and explore common interests. Future topics may include gardening, food preparation, natural health, self-defense and other hands-on learning opportunities.

The first session will focus on family and emergency preparedness, a topic Jones described as both timely and practical.

"Preparedness is not something that needs to be approached in a spirit of fear, but in a very practical manner," she said. "It means that in times of turmoil, you are able to help those around you and care for your family."

The initiative is also rooted in encouraging women to find value and purpose beyond societal expectations of success. "I want to refocus women on God's design and call for us," said Jones. "I don't want any woman to feel 'less than' because they aren't pursuing success by the world's standards."

While still in its early stages, Cultivate has already drawn support from other women in the community who have joined in planning future gatherings. Each session will include an introduction activity, a presentation and time for questions and discussion. Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend and, if needed, lunch to enjoy during the meeting.

For additional details, contact Jones at lisa@ljonesphotography.com. To sign up, visit www.ljonesphotography.com/form/cultivate.

Money (from Front)

Campaign finance activity in these races is limited based on available filings.

Multiple contested races have reported campaign finance activity through recent filings:

Cullman County Commission District 1
- Kenneth Walker
- Reburn Miller

Cullman County Commission District 2
- Richard Barnett
- Joshua Speakman

Cullman County Revenue Commissioner
- Michael Pitts
- Kenneth Cornelius

Cullman County Sheriff
- Timothy Creel
- Chad Whaley

Cullman County Board of Education District 4
- Stephen McRea
- Kenny Brockman

Campaign finance reports track:
- Total cash contributions
- Itemized donor contributions, including names, amounts and dates
- Non-itemized contributions below reporting thresholds
- In-kind contributions, including goods and services
- Expenditures for campaign-related costs
- Cash balances at the close of each reporting period

Series coverage
Subsequent reports in this series examine individual races using filed campaign finance data, including:

- Total funds raised and spent
- Cash on hand
- Itemized donor lists with contribution amounts and dates
- Reported in-kind contributions
- Expenditure activity

Each report will be based on the most recent filings available at the time of publication.

All financial information in this series is drawn from publicly available filings submitted through the Alabama Secretary of State's Fair Campaign Practices Act reporting system.

Data source: Alabama Secretary of State campaign finance reports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Wednesday, March 25 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
- Friday, March 27 – 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 29 – 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
- 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 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 Civitan Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Egg Hunt begins promptly at noon. Bring the whole family out for an afternoon packed with games, activities and plenty of Easter fun for all ages. There will be something for everyone to enjoy! Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this exciting community event — we can't wait to see you there! If you attended Night to Shine, we would absolutely love to see you at this special event as well! Come join us for another wonderful day of fun, fellowship and community. We can't wait to see your smiling faces again!

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 Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman.

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

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, April 19, at 5 p.m. with The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited! For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

Page (from Front)

less daily interactions with students and teachers, as well as the ever-changing, unpredictable nature of school leadership.

"Every day is different," he said. "There's always something new, and there's always something to learn."

Stepping into his retirement, he described his departure as a "passing of the baton." He acknowledged the strong foundation already in place at the school and recognized the legacy left by past principals and their impact, voicing confidence that the next leader will continue to build on that tradition. Page also expressed his thanks for the support he has received throughout his tenure, including from the school board, parents and the school's parent-teacher association.

"I've just been very fortunate," he said. "We've had a fantastic staff and a community that's always supported us."

Page's retirement is effective June 30, 2026. Cullman City Schools has yet to announce who will succeed him as principal of West Elementary.

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ARCHERY

Vinemont High, Cullman Middle win NASP 3-D State Championships

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Archery teams from across Northern Alabama met at the Cullman OmniPlex on Friday and Saturday to duke it out in the State 3-D Championships. For the second year in a row, Vinemont High School took home the gold, and in the middle school division Cullman's first team took the championship. Team rankings, as well as the top five of each individual ranking are below.

ELEMENTARY TEAM STANDINGS

1. East – 1535
2. Vinemont (Team 1) – 1512
3. Moody – 1291
4. Vinemont (Team 2) – 1266
5. Cullman Coyotes Homeschool – 1265
6. Fairview – 1128
7. Sacred Heart – 1086

ELEMENTARY BOYS TOP FIVE

1. Tripp Stokes, Coyotes – 267
2. Kyson Cohoon, East – 265
3. Bentley Guthery, Vinemont – 260
4. Mason Pantoja, Vinemont – 252
5. Brandt Waddle, East – 250

ELEMENTARY GIRLS TOP FIVE

1. Jenna Kate Newsom, East – 260
2. Rosella Rasco, East – 259
3. Johannah Drake, Vinemont – 257
4. Madelyn Phillips, Vinemont – 255
5. Reese Blackwood, East – 251

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Cullman (Team 1) – 1705
2. Vinemont (Team 1) – 1601
3. O.D. Duran – 1582
4. Ashville – 1558
5. Moody – 1533
6. Cullman (Team 2) – 1489
7. Cullman Coyotes – 1485
8. Fairview – 1459
9. Springville – 1439
10. Vinemont (Team 2) – 1438

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS TOP FIVE

1. Colson Lucas, Cullman – 284
2. Ryland Black, Cullman – 284
3. Trevor Bone, Cullman – 280
4. Heston Hayes, Cullman Coyotes – 278
5. Owen Robinson, Vinemont – 277

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS TOP FIVE

1. Addilyn Howard, Cullman – 288
2. Kinsley Matson, Cullman – 286
3. Kinley Grimes, Cullman – 283
4. Maddie Russell, O.D. Duran – 278
5. Bella Lee, Vinemont – 277

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM STANDINGS

1. Vinemont – 1718
2. Cullman – 1691
3. Pell City – 1659
4. Good Hope – 1623
5. Ashville – 1606
6. James Clemens – 1584
7. Fairview – 1569
8. Cullman Coyotes – 1556
9. Moody – 1546
10. Lynn – 1521

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TOP FIVE

1. Easton Bray, Valor Homeschool – 290
2. Tucker Robinson, Vinemont – 289
3. Tyson James, Vinemont 288
4. Tucker Drake, Vinemont – 285
5. Alex Cornelius, Cullman – 285

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TOP FIVE

1. Hailey Wigington, Cullman – 289
2. AnnaLee McRae, Vinemont – 288
3. Jaimee Lanadrum, Pell City – 285
4. Katie Holmes, Vinemont – 284
5. Riley Bramley, Vinemont – 282



VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

Vinemont High School's archery team

PREP BASKETBALL

AHSAA All-State teams announced, local star players and coaches honored

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama High School Athletic Association announced their 2025 All-State Basketball teams this weekend. After winning the 4A Girls State Championship multiple Good Hope players were honored on the first team as well as their head coach, Justin Aby, being named 4A Girls Coach of the Year. All local star players and coaches that were named can be found below.

GIRLS

- 6A Girls Third Team – Molly Wilson, Sr., Cullman
- 5A Girls Second Team – Jaelyn Faulkner, Sr., West Point
- 5A Girls Third Team – Laklin Shadix, Sr., West Point
- 4A Girls First Team – Ella Davis, So., Good Hope & Sophie Konrad, Fr., Good Hope
- 4A Girls Coach of the Year – Justin Aby, Good Hope
- 3A Girls Second Team – Reagan Robinson, Sr., Vinemont
- 2A Girls First Team – Ella Dickerson, Sr., Cold Springs
- 1A Girls Third Team – Zarah Harden, 8th, Meek

BOYS

- 6A Boys First Team – Sam Dorough, Sr., Cullman
- 6A Boys Third Team – Brooks Loftin, So., Cullman
- 5A Boys Second Team – Maddox Chapman, Sr., West Point
- 2A Boys Second Team – Lindan Hill, So., Cold Springs
- 2A Boys Coach of the Year – Drew Adams, Cold Springs
- 1A Boys Third Team – Coleman Bonner, Sr., Meek; Elijah Roberts, Jr., Addison



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From left to right: Good Hope's Sophie Konrad, Cold Springs' Ella Dickerson, Cullman's Sam Dorough

Auburn beats Seattle U 91-85, advances to NIT quarterfinals

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Kevin Overton and Elyjah Freeman teamed up for eight 3-pointers to lead Auburn to a 91-85 victory over Seattle U Sunday at Neville Arena, advancing the Tigers to the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

"I want to thank our fans that came out tonight. Our guys felt their presence, and they've been phenomenal for us all year," Auburn coach Steven Pearl said. "To score 91 points against that team is good. As the game went on, guys made shots."

Overton reached the 20-point mark for the fifth time in March, leading Auburn with 23 points.

"KO's been playing well offensively since SEC play got started," Pearl said. "Every time he shoots it, we think it's going in. He's been a great spark for us offensively."

Freeman went 4-for-4 from deep in the second half, playing the entire game while scoring 19 points and grabbing seven rebounds.

"Being able to do things all around the court," Freeman said. "Trying to help our team at both ends. Staying confident and trusting the shot."

"He did a great job of attacking the rim," Pearl said. "It was great to see him knock down shots."

Leading by 11 after a first half that saw the Tigers make 2 of 13 3-point attempts, Auburn needed only four minutes in the second half to exceed that total.

Overton and Freeman did most of their damage after intermission, combining to go 7-for-9 from long range in the second half to help the Auburn maintain a double-digit lead until the final two minutes.

It took Auburn only 30 minutes to score 66 points, the total Seattle U allows on average while ranking No. 23 nationally in scoring defense.

"We did a good job of making the easy pass and getting downhill," Pearl said. "We shared it. We did a lot of good things offensively that we can build off."

Keyshawn Hall nearly outrebounded Seattle U by himself, grabbing 15 boards and leading the Tigers with five assists while scoring nine points.

"He did a good job of doing the things we ask him to do," Pearl said. "Fifteen rebounds is huge."

Sebastian Williams-Adams produced a nearly flawless scoring night, going 6-for-6 from the field and making 3 of 4 free throws to score 15 points with three assists and two steals.

"Focusing on what I do best and not trying to change my game," Williams-Adams said. "We love playing with each other. Being able to play in front of the Jungle is amazing. We relish the opportunity to be able to compete and show our skills on TV."

"He was searching for the ball tonight," Pearl said. "He played great. I told him to be aggressive and look to go make plays when the ball is in your hands."

Filip Jovic also reached double figures with 12 points.

Overton picked up where he left off after making seven 3-pointers in Auburn's NIT win over South Alabama, hitting the Tigers' first 3-pointer against Seattle U.

Kaden Magwood again provided a spark off the bench, giving Auburn an early lead with a 3-point play.

Williams-Adams scored six straight points for Auburn midway through the half to give Auburn a lead it would not relinquish. He and Jovic combined for 16 first-half points while going 5-for-5 from the field and 6-for-6 from the free-throw line.

Williams-Adams passed to Hall for a corner 3-pointer that began an 11-0 Auburn run that featured consecutive Williams-Adams steals that led to transition buckets followed by a Seattle U timeout.

Auburn outrebounded the Redhawks 23-11 in the first half and led 42-31 at halftime. The Tigers outrebounded Seattle U 41-23 over 40 minutes, yielding only one offensive rebound.

Brayden Maldonado made seven of Seattle U's 16 3-pointers, leading the Redhawks (21-14) with a game-high 25 points.

Seeking its 20th win of the season and a trip to Indianapolis for the semifinals, Auburn (19-16) hosts Nevada (24-12) in the NIT quarterfinals Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Neville Arena.

Alabama rolls past Texas Tech in NCAA Tournament second round, 90-65

UA Athletics
Contributor

TAMPA, Fla. — The No. 4 seed Alabama men's basketball team secured its largest margin of victory in its NCAA Tournament history with an impressive 90-65 victory over No. 5 seed Texas Tech on Sunday night at Benchmark International Arena. With the win, the Crimson Tide secured a school record fourth consecutive trip to the Sweet 16 and will take on top-seed Michigan next Friday night in the United Center in Chicago.

Alabama (25-9) dominated on both ends of the floor throughout the 40-minute contest, leading for all but 32 seconds. Latrell Wrightsell Jr. led the Tide with a game-high 24 points on 7-of-10 shooting from the field and 6-of-9 from deep. Houston Mallette came off the bench to record 15 points and eight boards while Amari Allen (12) and Aiden Sherrell (10) also hit double figures. Labaron Philon Jr. added a near triple-double with nine points, a career-high 12 assists and six boards in the victory.

Texas Tech (23-11) LeJuan Watts' 16 points and seven boards while Donovan Atwell added 12 points.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"That was a fun game to be a part of. Texas Tech is a very good and they have done a lot to win the number of games they have and beat the teams they have this season. They lost a National Player of the Year candidate in (J.T) Toppin and figured out ways to beat some very good teams. This Texas Tech team went to Iowa State and beat them without Toppin, so for us to win in the fashion we did was huge. I have a huge amount of respect for Coach Grant McCasland. I think he's one of the best coaches in the country. I have a lot of respect for what he did when he lost Toppin.

"I give our seniors a ton of respect tonight. They came ready to go. Wrightsell's defense on (Christian) Anderson, who I think is one of the best guards in the country, was great. Held him to 2-11 and 1-7 from three. All of our seniors had the mentality that they didn't want to go home. I tell our guys all the time to lose yourself in the game, and everything will take care of itself.

"This is the fourth straight Sweet 16 we've been to, and these guys know what it takes to win. Trelly has been here three years and was part of our Final Four run and Elite Eight. Houston was part of last year's Elite Eight run and then Noah has come in here and been about the right stuff. We're seeing a different side of him in the tournament."

Team stats

- Alabama has now advanced to the Sweet 16 for a fourth consecutive year, setting a program record
- Alabama made 19 three-pointers on the night to bring its total to 436 threes made during the 2025-26 season which is not only a school record, but ranks fifth in NCAA single-season record books
- Alabama's 25-point margin is tied for its largest margin of victory in an NCAA tournament game in school history
- UA dished out 25 assists on 30 made shots, good for the second-most in an NCAA tournament game in the program record books
- The Tide's 19 made three pointers and 42 three-point attempts vs. Texas Tech are both tied for the second-most in UA tournament history
- Alabama's 47 rebounds are its fourth-most in a tournament game and the second game of this tournament the Tide have grabbed 46 or more boards
- UA's 90-point performance against the Red Raiders is its 22nd time this season that Alabama has reached 90-or-more points this season, the most in the country by five games
- Labaron Philon Jr.'s 12 assists are a career-high and the most by a Crimson Tide player since Kira Lewis Jr. had 13 vs. Auburn in 2020

First half

- The Alabama defense picked up where it left off, limiting the Red Raiders to just three makes out of its first 10 shots from the field
- A 13-2 run over three minutes gave the Crimson Tide its first double-digit lead of the game at 20-9 with 11:28 remaining in the half
- The Tide continued scoring, extending the run to 20-3 to push its lead to 17 points, 27-10 at the 9:30 mark
- The Crimson Tide would end the half on a high note, going on a 12-4 scoring run to extend its lead to 49-25 at intermission
- UA's defense and rebounding was superb in the opening stanza, as Alabama owned a 30-16 edge on the boards, including a 12-6 lead on the offensive glass, while forcing seven Tech turnovers
- As a result, Alabama owned a 15-8 edge on points off turnovers, an 8-2 lead in second chance points and had 11 assists on 17 made buckets
- Texas Tech's 25 points in the first half are its lowest in the opening stanza all season, while the 24-point halftime difference was its largest of halftime deficit on the year

Second half

- The hot shooting continued for the Tide as UA came out of the break hitting three of its first six shots from beyond the arc, building its lead to 23 points, 58-35, with 15:32 left to play
- A 10-3 Red Raider run over 2:41 of game time cut the Tide's lead to 63-45 at the 11:55 mark
- UA responded with a 15-2 run over the next four minutes to grab a 32-point advantage, 81-49, with 6:57 remaining
- The Crimson Tide would lead by as many 34 points before settling for the 25-point victory
- Latrell Wrightsell Jr. scored 15 of his 24 points in the second half, including going 4-of-5 from beyond the arc

Up next

- The Crimson Tide will take on No. 1 seed Michigan on Friday, March 28, at 6:35 p.m. on TBS and TruTV

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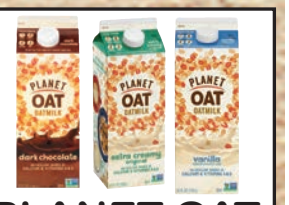
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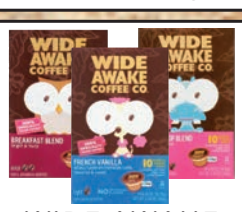
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BOOK REVIEW

‘Restaurant Ridiculous’

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Howard Cannon, a restaurant expert witness and forensic scientist, last year released his book “Restaurant Ridiculous: Dram Shop & Alcohol Liability Personal Injury Lawsuits.” It advises the reader of negligent acts within management and signs of visible intoxication among those served. Normally I don’t read nonfiction, but I found this informative and digestible. It made me take a closer look at Cullman and overall issues with drunk driving.

This book could be a resource for restaurant owners and even lawyers to reduce liability and help teach responsibility among local restaurant staff. Anyone who serves alcohol or is simply interested in the signs of intoxication can easily read this and gain insight on the subject.

Cannon grabs your attention with the quote, “Every 39 minutes, someone dies on America’s roadways because of a drunk driver.”

This puts into perspective the urgency of not overserving alcohol to individuals and how doing so can lead to drunk driving, among many things.

He goes on to elaborate that consequences and deaths are only increasing with time.

The issues, according to Cannon, come down to training, management oversight and not recognizing the visible signs of intoxication.

In chapter one he amplifies that failure to manage alcohol safety is also risking the health and safety of customers and employees. Not only will this lead to fines and the revocation of a liquor license, but it can also cause legal trouble.

Chapter three, “The Greatest Hazards to Alcohol Liability,” states that the top four liability hazards in restaurants and bars are:

1. Ignorance: “Those in charge don’t know what they are supposed to be doing, how to do it, or why it’s even important.”

2. Apathy: “Those in charge don’t care or don’t care enough to do the job and take the role and responsibility that they are being paid for seriously. More often than not, they simply don’t care enough about people in general or your individual safety, health, and security at all.”

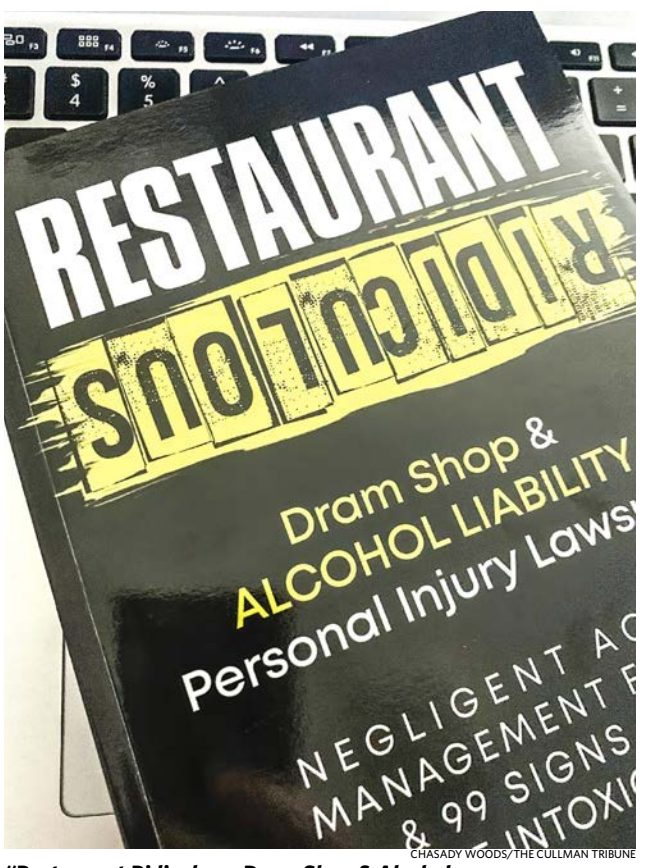
3. Laziness: “Those in charge simply don’t do what they know they should be doing out of pure laziness.”

4. Lackadaisicalness: “Those in charge are asleep at the wheel and forget to do the things that made them successful and things that they used to regularly do, mostly due to the boredom and lack of recent oversight and motivation. Yes. Really!”

The book goes in depth on these four faults in the restaurant industry. It made me consider local restaurants and how often staff or management overserves alcohol. How many accidents or fatalities could have been prevented by proper training? Or simply by hiring or being more responsible people?

How often does staff or management make exceptions for those they know? Surely if your friend came into a bar and asked you to give them another drink while they were struggling to speak or couldn’t walk – you wouldn’t serve them. Right? Hopefully you said “no.” Though not everyone would feel the same or care.

Find out more at https://tinyurl.com/2tkkwxs8.



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“Restaurant Ridiculous: Dram Shop & Alcohol Liability Personal Injury Lawsuits”

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Money in the Maytag

Joe Hobby
Contributor

As if by magic, he pulled a folded $100 bill out of a pile of gray lint.

“Look what I found,” he said, waving it in the air with a flourish.

My wife and I stared at him the same way we did when David Copperfield made the Statue of Liberty disappear. You know the look – mouth slightly open, eyes fixed, brain trying to process what the eyes have just seen. Talk about money laundering.

It’s a rare day indeed when an appliance repairman comes to make a service call and hands me money before he leaves, but that’s exactly what happened. My wife Carol had called an appliance repair company, and at the appointed time, Gabe the repairman came to look at our dryer, which had begun producing an annoying, high-pitched wail. The sound was somewhere between a smoke alarm with an attitude and a teakettle experiencing emotional distress. It was so bad that the last time we dried a load of clothes, about two dozen howling dogs showed up on our front porch.

Of course, the fact that we would even attempt to have an appliance repaired is unusual in itself. Normally, when something like a dryer goes bad, it’s not repaired, it’s replaced. That’s just the way things work now. Most people call it planned obsolescence. I call it the Law of Lowe’s. Once an appliance crosses a certain age, it begins making noises that suggest it’s on its last legs – and possibly on fire.

We were also painfully aware that buying a new dryer wouldn’t just mean paying for the dryer. There would be delivery fees, set-up fees, installation fees, removal fees, disposal fees and, if the installer so much as set foot in our hallway, probably a “walking through the house” fee. Suddenly, that old noisy dryer seemed worth saving.

And then there was the small matter of the missing $100 bill.

We knew, without a doubt, a couple of years ago, a crisp $100 bill had disappeared into the dryer. I will not go into detail about how this happened, other than to say I didn’t do it. I’m not saying I couldn’t have done it – I’m just saying there was someone else who lives in the house who was responsible.

Long ago, I had accepted that the money was gone forever. Somewhere between socks and lint, it had entered another dimension. But after only about 15 minutes of work on the dryer, Gabe announced that a treasure had been found.

Actually, several treasures.

In addition to the $100 bill, Gabe found enough loose change to fill a small piggy bank, more folding money, a couple of old keys, a credit card we had long since canceled and an old photograph I had been looking for and assumed was lost forever. The dryer, it turns out, is not just an appliance, it’s a vault.

As we marveled at the valuables Gabe laid out on the kitchen table, I couldn’t help myself.

“What’s the most unusual thing you’ve ever retrieved from a dryer?” I asked.

“First of all,” Gabe said, pointing to the pile in front of us, “this kind of thing isn’t unusual at all. Happens all the time. But once, I was going through a pile of dryer lint and found a ring. The stone was so big I thought it was costume jewelry. When I showed it to the lady of the house, she burst into tears.”

It turned out to be her grandmother’s diamond ring. She had been looking for it for years and thought it was gone forever. No telling what the thing was worth. She offered Gabe a reward, but he refused. After all, it belonged to her. I just shook my head.

I regularly turn on the History Channel to watch those treasure-hunting shows. I’ll admit it, I’m hooked. For more than a decade, I’ve followed a group of people searching for buried riches on a program called “The Curse of Oak Island.” Every year, I’ve watched them spend untold millions of dollars and come up with nothing more than a few rusty artifacts and a lot of dramatic pauses.

They use bulldozers, massive drilling rigs, sonar, metal detectors and ground-penetrating radar. They dig hundreds of feet into the earth. They sift through dirt by the ton. And after all that effort, they celebrate finding a scrap of wood or an old button like they’ve discovered the Holy Grail.

Meanwhile, Gabe comes into my house, spends 15 minutes with a Phillips head screwdriver, and finds more treasure than those guys ever have.

Maybe the Oak Island folks should quit digging holes and start checking clothes dryers. It seems like the odds are a lot better, the equipment is cheaper and there’s a chance of finding at least a sock. And most importantly, if you don’t find any treasure, the people will still write you a check

I’m just saying.

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe’s stories on his blog: www.mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.







IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
FLOYD DYER, * CASE NO PC 2025-446
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and OBJECTION TO THE ESTATE BY PAMELA DYER PIERCE

TO: SCOTT DYER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will, and *Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed Pamela Dyer Pierce, Petitioner, through Attorney Thomas E. Drake, II, and *Objection to the Estate Filed by Pamela Dyer Pierce*, filed by Pamela E. Nail, Attorney for the Widow, Mary Dyer, has been scheduled for the **5th day of May, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Thomas E. Drake, II
Attorney for the Petitioner
419 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LOWELL EUGENE HALL, CASE NO.: PC 2026-045
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to PATRICK HALL as Personal Representative of the Estate of LOWELL EUGENE HALL, deceased, on the 12th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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 be barred.

Patrick Hall
Personal Representative

R. Leland Lesley
The Lesley Law Firm
Attorney for Estate
2908 Crescent Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama 35209

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
NEDRA JOYCE BLACKWOOD SMITH, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-057**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Kenneth W. Smith, Jr. as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nedra Joyce Blackwood Smith deceased, on the 5th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

Kenneth W. Smith, Jr.
Personal Representative

Atty for Estate:
Thomas E. Drake, II
419 Second Avenue SW STE A
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone (256) 739-9445

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RICHARD LEWIS LeCROY, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-100

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF RICHARD LEWIS LeCROY, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Donald Brandon LeCroy on the 16th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable 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.

Donald Brandon LeCroy, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
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Fax: (256) 734-4774
e-mail: steve@smithandsmithllp.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: J.L.S. D.O.B. 1/3/2013
Case# PC2025-316 PB MIN Book 241 Page 329 Recorded in Above Book and Page 03/05/2026 2:29PM Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s) WJC
CASE NO: PC 2025-316

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN TO KARI SUMMER MAY, KNOWN AS J.L.S.

The Petition to Change Name of Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Kari Summer May, Biological Mother. If you should contest, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with said petitioner, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2026.

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

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

201 2nd Avenue NE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

256.775.7203
www.CullmanAl.gov

City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday April 7, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Preliminary subdivision – Iron Hills at Cross Creek Subdivision – off Golf Course Road SW (County Road 490) - 27 lots
2. Short form subdivision of Lot 2, Lot 3A & Lot 6 of Noble Ridge Subdivision – 5 lots

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
SUSAN CLUXTON RIX, * CASE NO.: PC2026-081
Deceased. *

Case# PC2026-081 PB MIN Book 241 Page 843 Recorded in Above Book and Page 03/23/2026 12:46PM Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s) WJC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Robert Cluxton, as Personal Representative of the Estate of SUSAN CLUXTON RIX, deceased, on the 23rd day of March, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Robert Cluxton
Personal Representative

Seth B. Thompson
Attorney for the Petitioner
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 23 day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DELBA M. BRIGHT, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-094**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Elaine Murphree Simpson as Personal Representative of the Estate of Delba M. Bright deceased, on the 6th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

Elaine Murphree Simpson
Personal Representative

Atty for Estate:
Perry D. Knight
412 First Avenue SE Suite 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone (256) 734-4090

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOSEPH WAYNE THOMPSON, * CASE NO.: PC2024-423
Deceased. *

AMENDED
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Billy J. Smith, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOSEPH WAYNE THOMPSON, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Amended to correct the date

Billy J. Smith
Personal Representative

Seth B. Thompson
Attorney for the Petitioner
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 4th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
GEORGE CARROL COLE) CASE NO.: PC 2026 - 091
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Deborah Kay Cole Busby, as Administratrix of the Estate of George Carrol Cole, deceased, on the 6th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Deborah Kay Cole Busby
Deborah Kay Cole Busby

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administratrix

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARGARET E. MCDUGALD, * CASE NO PC 2023-390
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: CARMEN STACY BARBER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Final Settlement filed Thomas D. Jones, Petitioner, through Attorney Dan J. Willingham, has been scheduled for the **7th day of May, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for the Estate
413 First Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT,) CASE NO PC 2025-402
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CECIL JACKSON WILLCUTT, JUDY AARON and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of CLAUDIA ANN WILLCUTT, deceased.

The Petition of Kathy Douglas to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Claudia Ann Willcutt, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **22nd day of April, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

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Laura Alfano
Attorney for Petitioner
440 Twin Ridge Road
Warrior, AL 35180

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CYNTHIA C. RYAN, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-037**
Deceased. *

Case# PC2026-037 PB WIL Book 136 Page 675 Recorded in Above Book and Page 03/05/2026 1:17PM Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s) KAR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to C. BLAKE WEST as Personal Representative of the Estate of CYNTHIA C. RYAN deceased, on the 5th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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.

C. Blake West
Personal Representative

Atty for Estate:
C. Blake West
412 4th Avenue SW STE 270
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone (256) 798-0320

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KATHRYN HAYS JUNKINS, * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-060**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LAURA PARKER aka LAURA NICOLE CAMPBELL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of KATHRYN HAYS JUNKINS, deceased, on the 5th 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.

Laura Parker aka
Laura Nicole Campbell
Personal Representative

Michael J. Baggett
Attorney for Estate
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

Obituary Announcements: March 21-23

Nathan David Lowery, 37
Nathan David Lowery, 37, of Cullman passed away on March 20, 2026, at CRMC. He was born Dec. 29, 1988, to Wendell Rodger Lowery and Judy Darlene Roddy Lowery. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Nathan enjoyed playing men's softball, loved coaching soccer, enjoyed going to the beach, water parks, hiking, anything to do with his children. He loved watching his daughter's dance recital. He was preceded in death by his father; his grandparents, Wendell & Janette Lowery, Jim and Marilyn Roddy; aunt, Jan Elmore. Survivors include his mother; his wife of 10 years, Miranda; his children, Eliza, Samuel and Greyson Lowery; mother and father-in-law, Charlene Holland and Robert Updike; brothers, Lynn (Kelli) Lowery, Rodger (Susie) Lowery, Trey Lowery; several nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jack Earl Milligan, 73
Jack Earl Milligan, age 73, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Aug. 7, 1952, in Coalinga, California, to Lester Milligan and Ophelia Henry Milligan. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Chuck Milligan and Louie Milligan. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Sharon Milligan; sons, Lewis Milligan (Jennifer) and Shawn Milligan (Anita "Pita"); 7 loving Grandchildren; brothers, Bud Milligan and Ed Milligan; and many nieces and nephews, and family and friends. His family was the most important thing to him. He was a wonderful father and husband. He will be missed dearly.

Johnny Ray Hawkins, 81
Johnny Ray Hawkins, known to most as John, was born June 16, 1944, in Ohio. Mr. Hawkins passed away on March 17, 2026, at the age of 81. Mr. Hawkins was a production worker for Goodyear for many years. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Alabama fan. He also enjoyed watching a good western in his spare time, and was fascinated with the possibility of UFOs, aliens and Bigfoot. John loved a good steak dinner or a meal from KFC, and dancing with his grandbabies, who lovingly called him "Big John" brought him joy. Mr. Hawkins was a reserved man who enjoyed his own company, but he was always happy to see his family, and they will continue to cherish the many memories they have made with him over the years. Mr. Hawkins is preceded in death by his parents, and a stepson, Jeremiah Sansing. Mr. Hawkins' memory will be cherished by his wife, Becky Hawkins; son, Michael Hawkins; stepsons, Paul Sansing, John Sansing, Kyle Sansing (Anna); brother, Gene Hawkins; and a host of adored grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to help with Mr. Hawkins' final expenses. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hawkins family.

Tammy Shockley Gowins, 60
Funeral services for Tammy Shockley Gowins, 60, of Hanceville, will be 1 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Graham Cemetery in Mt. Olive. Visitation will be Monday, March 23, from 5-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Gowins was born July 12, 1965, in Pell City, Alabama to the late James and Brenda Shockley. She passed away March 20, 2026, in Hanceville, Alabama. Mrs. Gowins is survived by her husband, Greg Gowins; children, Tiffany Peoples (David A.), Becky Campbell (Jeff); grandchildren, Alexis Campbell (Luis), Leslie Jacques, Kristen Phillips, Hannah Campbell (Jonathan), Miranda Phillips, Emma Walczak, Chloe Walczak; and great grandchildren, Catalina Rodriguez, Kaelynn Chitwood, Santiago Rodriguez, Lucas Chitwood. Mrs. Gowins was preceded in death by her mother, Brenda Shockley; father, James Shockley; brother, Tony Shockley; grandmother, Emma Whitfield; and her best friend, Gary Peoples. Serving as pallbearers will be Luis, Jeff, David B., David A., Jonathan, Randy, John, and Matthew. Honorary pallbearers are Greg, Alex, and Dewayne. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Gowins family.

Thomas Edward Moore, 70
It is with deep respect and heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of Thomas Edward Moore, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, who left this world on March 21, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. Born on Jan. 13, 1956, in Jasper, Alabama, Thomas lived a life defined by love, dedication, and unwavering commitment to his family and community. Thomas dedicated many years of his life working as a coal miner, a career marked by hard work and perseverance. After retiring, he remained a pillar of strength and support for those around him. Known for his remarkable skills in mechanics and construction, Thomas was often called upon by family and friends as the trusted "go-to" mechanic. His hands built not only vehicles but also the very home in which his family found comfort and security. A truly loving husband, Thomas was married to Wanda Moore for 52 years. Their union was blessed with a close-knit family enriched by their children: Carlos Canales (Vicki), Tommy Joe Moore, Rusty Clay Moore (Latosha), Rebecca Elaine Hitt (Donnie), and Tabitha Hester (Todd). Thomas's legacy extends through a cherished lineage of 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, each of whom he lovingly guided and taught how to be great men and women. Thomas was a man open to helping anyone in need, always generous with his time and wisdom. His warmth and kindness left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was respected not only for his intelligence and craftsmanship but also for his genuine care and devotion to those he loved. He is survived by his devoted wife Wanda; his children and their spouses; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; as well as his brothers Larry Moore and Roger Moore. They, along with a wider circle of family and friends, will carry forward the memory of a remarkable man whose spirit will forever remain in their hearts. Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Gertrude Moore, and his brothers Darrell Moore, Jessie Moore, and Woody Moore. Their memories are cherished alongside his, as part of the rich tapestry of his life. Family, friends, and community members are invited to pay their respects during a visitation on March 24, 2026, from 5-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home, located at 100 Michelle Street, NW, Hanceville, Alabama. A funeral service to honor and celebrate Thomas's life will take place the following day, March 25, 2026, beginning at 11 a.m. at the same location. Thomas Edward Moore's life was a testament to strength, love, and integrity. As we say goodbye, we hold close his enduring spirit and the many ways he touched our lives. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on through the love he gave so freely and the lessons he imparted to generations. May he rest in peace.

Patrick Hudson, 67
Patrick Hudson, age 67 of Vinemont, passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Shepherd's Cove Hospice Care Inpatient Unit. He was born Feb. 26, 1959, to Thomas William Hudson, Sr. and Ruby Lucretia Weldon Hudson. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Thomas William Hudson, Jr. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Amy Hudson; sons, Patrick Jason Delooze & William Christopher-Weldon Hudson (Brittany); daughter, Anna-Marie Rose Knott (Ray); grandchildren, Halley & Trinity; brother, Kenny Reed Hudson (Sheila) and a host of family & friends. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

Leon Louie Harris, 92
Leon Louie Harris, 92, of Cullman, Alabama, was welcomed into heaven by our loving Father in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 21, 2026. Leon was born in Cullman, Alabama, on Oct. 14, 1933, to Green and Emily Smith Harris. Mr. Harris is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, June Cornett Harris; children, Randy, Sandy, and Brenda; brother, Lonnie Harris; sisters, Lovey Golden, Margaret Turner: and dear friend, J.C. Cornelius. Those left to cherish the memory of Leon include his daughter, Sonya Segers (David); sister, Marie Plunkett; grandchildren, Tiffany Blocker (Justin), Hollie Harville (Wesley), Dawson Segers (Caidyn), Taylor Bonnett (Justin); great-grandchildren, Audrey, Easton, Kayla, Hudson, Adella, Karson, Wyatt, Fletcher, Brynlee, Jettson, Grayson, Britton; dear friend, Barbara Cornelius; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Harris worked as a machine operator for Daubert Chemical and Paper Products for more than thirty years. During that time, he was also serving alongside his wife as a selfless caregiver for their daughter, Brenda. Mr. Harris cherished his family and his love for them was evident in all that he did. Leon was also an adoring father and grandfather to his daughter, Sonya, and her girls. June and Leon were married for over sixty-six years, and when June fell ill, Leon became her caregiver without complaint. His love for his family was second only to his love for his Savior, and his servant heart was a true example of the love of Christ. As long as their health allowed, Leon and June were faithful members at Roswell Creek Church, and Mr. Harris was baptized in Duck Creek as a sign of his salvation in Christ Jesus. Mr. Harris enjoyed tending his vegetable garden. He also enjoyed fishing and woodworking. Leon made beautiful birdhouses in his free time, and there wasn't a small engine he was unable to repair. Although he had many talents, Leon will be best remembered for his servant heart and his devotion and love for his family. Leon's example as a Godly and loving husband, father, and grandfather will be cherished by his family for generations to come. Friends are invited to join the Harris family for visitation on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from noon-2 p.m. Funeral services will follow visitation, beginning at 2 p.m. with Justin Blocker and Leonard Slade officiating. Mr. Harris will be laid to rest in Duck River Cemetery, where Justin Blocker, Wesley Harville, David Segers, Bo Golden, Easton Blocker, Byron Cornett, and Dawson Segers will serve as pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Harris family.

Elda Owens Shedd, 95
Elda Owens Shedd passed on March 20, 2026, at the age of 95; she was born on March 22, 1930, and was a resident of Vinemont, Alabama. She is preceded in death by her Husband, James T. Shedd, and two sons. She was born of John Frank Owens and Sudie Mae Mattox. She was one of 7 children, including a twin sister. Her parents were sharecroppers, and she grew up in the cotton fields alongside her siblings. She married at age 18 to James T. Shedd, and had 12 children. She was a devoted wife and mother, who experienced the loss of her first child, but then went on to raise 11 children, 8 boys, and 3 girls, who blessed her with many grandkids, great grandkids, and great great grandkids, both by birth and "bonus" babies. She loved them all, and instilled a strong work ethic while working alongside her children on the farm when they were old enough. She was a spitfire, but had to be with that many kids, particularly boys. She loved to fish, play volleyball, play Rook, and dominoes. Her favorite meal was pizza and beer, and she loved muscadine wine. She had a slow, easy spirit about her, was not one to say a lot, and was not one to be loud. Her special talent in her later years was hand embroidery, and she continued in that skill until she became unable to, just a few weeks ago. She was steadfast in her beliefs and she was ready to go home. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Elda's Celebration of Life will be at Mt. Vernon FCM Church, 3099 County Road 1069, Vinemont, AL 35179 on Wednesday, March, 25, 2026 at 2 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Bruce Homer Peak, 67
Bruce Homer Peak, 67, of Cullman passed away March 20, 2026, at his residence. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Bruce was born April 26, 1958, to Homer and Catherine Huffstutler Peak. He retired from All South Sub-Contractors after more than 25 years. Bruce enjoyed gardening and Talladega Nascar races. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sons, Christopher Bruce Peak, Nicholas James Peak, and his sister, Carolyn Wood Godeke. Survivors include his wife of almost 46 years, Debra Peak; son, Jeremy Peak; brothers, Charles (Raceene) Peak, Benny (Joy) Peak, Brian Peak; sisters, Judy Peak, Rita (Ralph) Hancock; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Cecil Edward Hill, Jr., 67
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Cecil Edward Hill, Jr., 67, of Hanceville. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Hill passed away March 21, 2026, at CRMC. He was born April 23,1958, to Cecil Edward Hill, Sr. and Eva Waldrep Hill. Cecil was a hard worker, was a good carpenter and loved building. He was a jack of all trades. He loved classic rock music and he loved his family and his puppies. He would help anyone he could. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Karen Hill; sister, Brenda Clements. Survivors include his son, Josh (Andrea) Hill; daughter, Natosha (Justin) Pace; sister, Pati Helms; grandchildren, Zach (Maddie) Hill, Bradley Hill, Mallory Hill, Trevor Pace; Tyler Pace; great-grandchild, Brooks Hill; his puppies, Rex and Chloe, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family would like to send a special thank you to Gentiva Hospice for the love and care shown and especially nurse Taryn Collins. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Mary Ruth Flanigan, 85
Mary Ruth Flanigan was born on July 31, 1940, in Cullman County, Alabama, to the late Earl and Ruthie Mae Sims. She peacefully departed this life and was called home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. She was one of six children born to her loving parents. Mary Ruth joined Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church at an early age, where she remained a faithful member. She worked in various industries throughout Cullman, Alabama, and later retired from Americold Compressors. Mary Ruth found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved relaxing in her rocking chair, watching her church service and game shows, and spending time working on Seek-and-Find word puzzles. Above all, she cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren & great-grandchildren, who brought her immense happiness. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Floyd Flanigan; her son, Floyd "Tweet" Flanigan; grandsons, Jerome Flanigan and Xavier "Tez" Malcom; great-grandson, Dezmond Rickmond; and her sisters, Bertha Lee Flanigan, Betty Ann Sims, and Josephine Robertson. She leaves to cherish her precious memories her loving children: Sylvia (Albert) Turner, Anthony Flanigan, Vanessa (Rick) Flanigan, Delphine (Eric) Powell, Jennifer (Albert) Twitty, and Yaminah (Reginald) Ward; 21 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 20 great-great-grandchildren; her siblings, Earl Sims Jr. and Eleanor Fields; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends who will forever hold her memory in their hearts. Mary Ruth will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

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Master Gardeners hold annual sale; Spring Plant Sale coming April 17-18

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Master Gardeners have been carefully preparing plants to sell for spring! On Saturday, March 21, the group held its annual Native Azalea and Wildflower Sale at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

Along with the plants and wildflowers, Master Gardeners also served as educational resources for those interested in learning more, especially helpful for shoppers who didn't know quite what they were looking for.

Tables of plants and flowers were divided and marked with labels such as "Herbs," "Part Sun, Part Shade" and more to direct shoppers.

If you missed it, don't worry! The Cullman County Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale will take place Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. again at the fairgrounds.

Selections will include (but not be limited to):

- Bee Balm – Panorama Red, Wild Bergamot and Lemon Mint
- Coneflowers (Green Twister and Purple)
- Coreopsis (Yellow, fully double)
- Calendula (Orange King and Porcupine Yellow)
- Cosmos (Bright Lights, Candyfloss Pink Sunrise)
- Rudbeckia (Viviani and Black-eyed Susan)
- Sunflower (Red Torch Mexican)
- Milkweed (Butterfly Weed asclepias tuberosa)
- Shasta Daisy
- Blanketflower
- Patchouli
- Thyme Lemon Balm Indian Grass
- Big Bluestem grass, Northern Sea Oats, Sea Oats, Grama
- Blue Cardinal Flower Little Blue Stem Grass Poppy (Shirley Double Mixed Colors)
- Delphinium (Emerald Pacific)
- Columbine (McKana Mixed Colors)
- Diatribe (Blazing Star)
- Joe Pye Weed (Queen of the Meadow)
- Partridge Pea

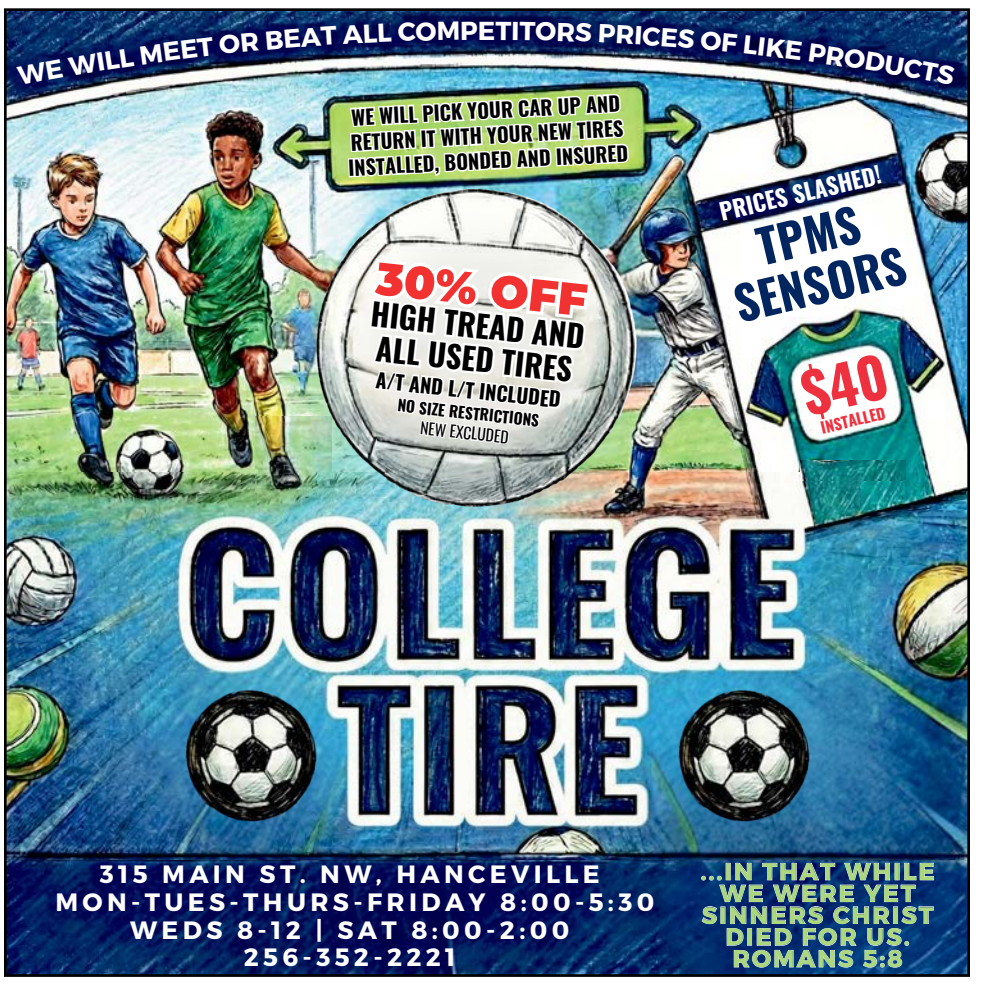


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Calendula, Orange King Flower at the Cullman County Master Gardeners' Native Azalea and Wildflower Sale at the Cullman County Fairgrounds on March 21, 2026

The Master Gardeners advised there will be more, but this is a good peak at the inventory.

Visit www.cullman-master-gardeners.org or Facebook/Cullman County Master Gardeners to keep an eye on upcoming sales, read up on blogs and browse.



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