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Cullman City Council approves transportation infrastructure ordinance, retail hemp product regulations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday adopted an ordinance to establish procedures for the City's Annual Street and Transportation Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan.

The ordinance maintains the City's compliance with Alabama Code § 23-8-8, which – according to the ordinance – "requires municipalities receiving state transportation funds to adopt an annual transportation plan identifying projects for the next fiscal year."

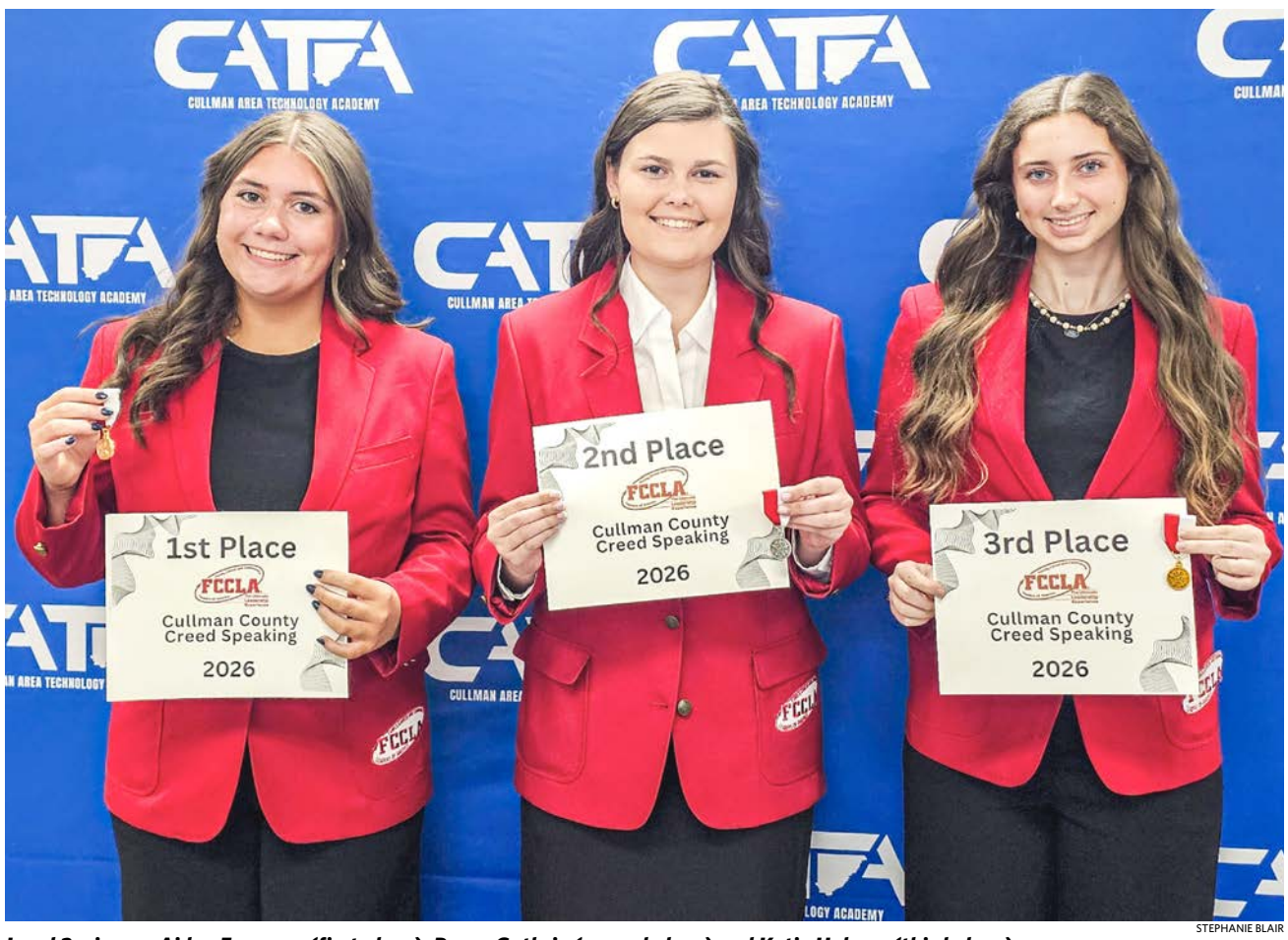
The ordinance requires the submission of a detailed plan by June 1 each year, with city council approval by Aug. 31, prior to the mayor's proposed budget submission.

The plan must include a list of proposed projects, prioritization methodology (including safety and traffic volume concerns), timelines, cost estimates, funding sources, five-year projections and a map exhibit, along with a detailed report of the previous year's expenditures. The ordinance also makes provisions for emergency repairs to transportation infrastructure.

Hemp product sale regulations

The council also » PAGE 5

Students compete in FCCLA Alabama Creed Challenge



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Level 3 winners Aiden Freeman (first place), Reece Guthrie (second place) and Katie Holmes (third place)

Stephanie Blair
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students from Cullman County Schools gathered at the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) on Tuesday, March 24, to compete in the FCCLA Alabama Creed Challenge STAR Event.

The Alabama Creed Challenge is an individual event designed to recognize members for their ability to recite and interpret the FCCLA Creed within the context of their personal philosophy. This competition provides students with the opportunity to build con- » PAGE 7



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Level 2 first-place winner Hennreitte Cambpell with Cullman County Schools Director of Career Technical Education Dr. Susan Patrick



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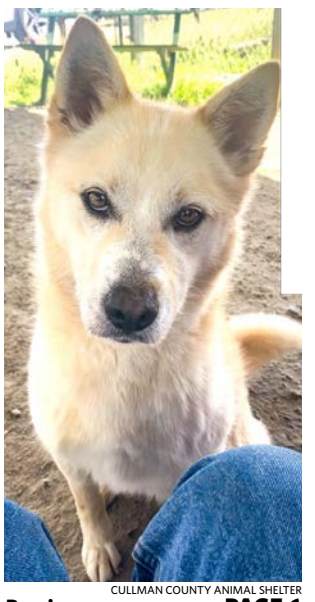


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The Good Hope City Council is seen at it March 23, 2026, meeting. » PAGE 6

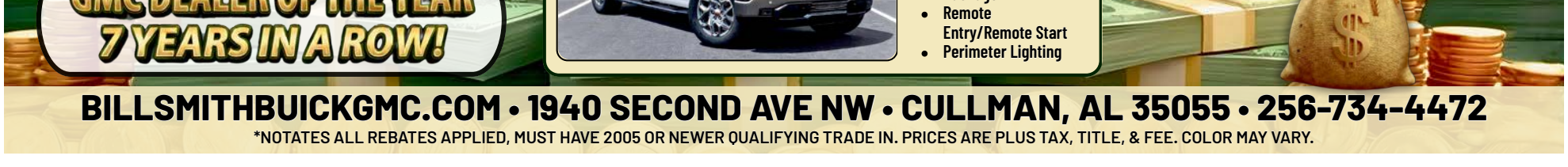
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Bowie » PAGE 6



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 25, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 19

• organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $560; Olive St. SW

March 21

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $34; Olive St. SW

March 22

• harassment; person; Olive St. SW

March 23

• theft of property-1st degree; person; miscellaneous; $2,620; 4th St. SW
• theft of property-1st degree; Long Lewis Ford; cash; Hwy. 157
• theft of property-3rd degree; Wallgreens; cash
• theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,240
• theft of property-4th degree; Monograms Plus; general merchandise; $150; Main Ave. NE
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '03 Chev. Trailblazer; Hwy. 157

March 24

• harassment; person; Cleveland Ave. SW

ARRESTS

March 23-24

Calloway, Henrietta F.; 42

• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – driving while suspended

McCormick, Jeffery S.; 37

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree

Bagwell, Brooke R.; 39

• FTA – obstructing governmental operations
• FTA – public intoxication
• FTA – DUI-controlled substance

Williams, Larry N.; 28

• possession of controlled substances

Florence, Steven S.; 49

• FTA – public intoxication

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 31

• FTA – driving without license

Sturgeon, Christopher M.; 37

• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – driving without license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

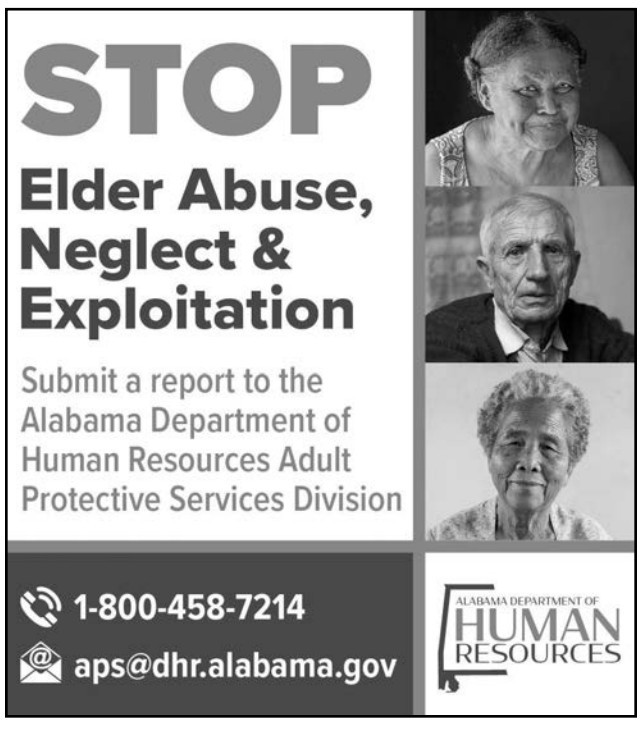
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The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

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.
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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 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
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• Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. Poetry Night is back! Calling all amateurs, song writers, performers to share their talents with us!

Seventh Street Baptist Church and WKUL Easter Candy Hunt
Saturday, April 4, at 10 a.m. (rain or shine!), at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman. Completely free for kids 2-12. First 150 kids receive a FREE Easter Candy Hunt T-shirt and FREE SnoBiz shaved ice (on-site). Free petting zoo (B&C Mobile Petting Zoo). The Easter Bunny will be there for free family photos.

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!

Celebrate Easter at Seventh Street Baptist Church
We invite you and your family to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with us at Seventh Street Baptist Church, located at 708 Seventh St. SW in Cullman. Join us on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 10:30 a.m. to rejoice in the hope and new life we find in our risen Savior. Because Jesus rose from the grave, believers have forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. As Scripture says, "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said." (Matthew 28:6) Celebrate the victory of Easter with us!

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 Chapter of NARFE Meeting
Monday, April 13, at 11 a.m. The Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees (NARFE) will resume second Monday lunch meetings at Freddie Day Catering. All members, spouses and guests are welcome to attend and enjoy a Dutch lunch beginning at 11 for $25. Business meeting and guest speaker follow at noon.

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.

Berlin (from Front)

Chasady Woods
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BERLIN, Ala. — Due to weather conditions on March 16, the Berlin Town Council rescheduled its monthly meeting to March 23. There were no public comments at this meeting and the council approved last month's minutes before moving on to news about Christmas in the town.

"I have a surprise," Mayor Patrick Bates told the council.

He advised he spoke to Cullman Electric Cooperative regarding affixing lit Christmas decorations to power poles and found an agreement from January 2000 that allows lights to be hung on the poles.

Bates said he counted roughly 20 poles and asked council members if they would motion to approve if he agreed not to exceed more than $10,000 for the purchase of Christmas light decorations for Berlin.

He added that he found a company offering discounts on lights ranging from 5 feet or taller.

The Co-Op would assemble them, he said, but he stated he will discuss it further and keep the council updated.

"Sounds like a winner," Councilman Keith Hardman stated.

Hardman motioned to approve, and Councilman Steve Clark seconded.

Resolution No. 2026-002 regarding bush hogging and mowing of town property was approved.

On the topic of paving projects, Bates told the council paving would ideally start on April 2 and end, at the latest, July 20.

He advised it could be done in June, though, as a rainy April is expected.

The next Berlin Town Council meeting will be on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.

For additional information, contact Town Clerk Kierstyn Montgomery at 256-736-3138 or clerk@berlinal.gov.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Holly Pond quarterback Boston Gibbs signs with Ottawa University Arizona

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The decision that Boston Gibbs would be the Holly Pond Broncos starting quarterback in 2025 came just days before their first game.

A senior, Gibbs had traditionally played running back and wide receiver, and with just days of learning the system under his belt, he delivered the game of a lifetime in week two vs. Hanceville. Throwing the ball, he connected on four passes for 135 yards and a touchdown, plus two two-point conversions. On the ground, Gibbs rushed for 280 yards on 17 attempts and crossed the goal line seven times, making him directly responsible for 59 of Holly Pond's 74 points in the rout of the Bulldogs.

The performance garnered state-wide attention, earning him the AHSAA Football Spotlight for the week. The Broncos' offense continued to be electric through Gibbs, averaging 30.6 points per game.

At the next level, Gibbs will get the chance to be part of another electric offense after signing his letter of intent to join the Ottawa University Arizona Spirit this morning at Holly Pond High School. It's a cross-country jump for Gibbs, who will continue his football career over 1700 miles away from home.

"This decision was weighing on me for a little while, debating if I was good enough or if it was worth it, but I had many people- parents, coaches friends and especially my paw-paw who kept harping on me that it wasn't time to give it up.

"Mostly, everyone preaching that it's something I shouldn't give up because there aren't many people who get the opportunity to go to the next level- that it's a blessing to be able to keep chasing something I love. God has given me not only the ability, but the opportunity to keep doing what I love, so I should always chase it," he said on the signing.

His skillset looks to be a perfect fit for the Spirit, who finished the season ranked 11th in the NAIA division behind a fast-paced spread offense with quarterback Luke Giron, a 6-foot dual-threat similar to Gibbs.

Gibbs is the latest of a handful of 2025 Broncos to get the opportunity to play at the next level, with defensive lineman Cade Allbright signing with Murray State in December and Braden Ivey signing to play offensive line at Morehead State in January.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Boston Gibbs with his family at his scholarship signing

PREP BASEBALL

Clutch pitching and hitting help lift West Point to 6-4 win over Decatur

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Warriors came into Monday night's game against Decatur 6-1 in their last seven games and looked to keep that stretch going against the Red Raiders. It was close throughout the entire contest and was tied going into the sixth inning, but big hits by seniors Boston Freeman and Charlie Ashley, plus some strong pitching in the end by Dawson Crow helped the Warriors get past Decatur, 6-4.

Freeman started the game for West Point and worked around a two-out error to get out of the inning without allowing a run. Freeman led off the Warrior half of the first with a double, then a fly ball moved him over to third. Two pitches later, he scored on an error to give West Point the early lead. Freeman retired the Red Raiders in order on just eight pitched in the second. The Warriors looked to add to their lead in their half, as they loaded the bases with two outs, but a line out ended the inning.

Decatur got a two-out rally going in the top of the third, as two straight singles, a passed ball and a two-run single to left field gave them a 2-1 lead. West Point answered right back in their half. Ashley led off the inning with a single, then Breyelee Woodard came in as his pinch runner. Dathan Cleghorn lined a single to left field, and during the play, an error allowed Woodard and Cleghorn to move up to second and third. Crow drove in a run on a ground ball to tie the game up at two, then on the first pitch, Cleghorn scored on a passed ball to put the Warriors up, 3-2.

West Point cooked up a two-out rally in their next at-bats. Cooper Howard lined a double to left field, then he came around to score on an RBI double by Freeman to make it 4-2. Decatur, though, quickly got their offense going in the top of the fifth. A hit by pitch to lead off the inning would later lead to an RBI single, as that cut it to 4-3. The Red Raiders would load the bases with one out, and a sacrifice fly tied things up at four. Decatur put a pair of runners on base with two outs, but Crow got the next batter to line out to keep the game tied up at four.

The Warriors looked to get the lead right back in their half. Skylar Echols drew a one-out walk, then a wild pitch and a ground ball moved him up to third. The biggest hits of the game would come from two of West Point's seniors, as Freeman hit a bloop RBI single over the shortshop's head to give the Warriors a 5-4 lead. Decatur brought in a new pitcher, but that didn't faze Ashley one bit, as he lined the first pitch he saw into right field for an RBI double to make it 6-4. Crow got the first two Red Raider hitters out on just six pitches later, then after walking the next batter, he got the next hitter to ground out to end the game, as West Point ended up defeating Decatur 6-4.

Freeman led the way for the Warriors with three hits and two RBIs, while Ashley (two hits) and Crow each drove in a run in the win. The duo of Freeman and Crow combined to give up just six hits and four runs (three earned), walked three, and struck out seven.

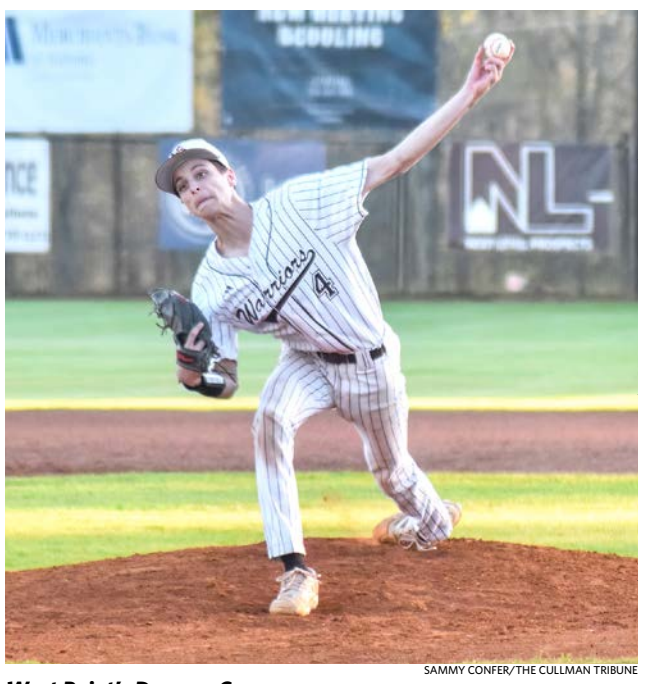
West Point head coach Tyler Morgan was pleased to see his team come away with the win over a game Decatur squad and was proud of the way Freeman and Crow pitched in the game.

"I thought we competed well, especially in the box. Decatur's starter has a good arm, so we got in there and just battled, and got hits when we needed to get them," Morgan said. "Dawson Crow has become a little bit of a dog for us lately. Boston's obviously our guy, but Crow has come a long way, so we're really proud of him."

Coach Morgan loves the way his team has been playing over the last couple of weeks and hopes to see them continue to do that with the county tournament coming up this weekend.

"Our guys have just brought a lot of energy, a lot of effort, a lot of focus to the field, and they've been getting after it," Morgan said. "We're going to keep hitting it hard, keep getting after it, and have a lot of fun playing the game."

West Point are now 12-6 on the season and are 7-1 in their last eight games. They will look to continue their hot stretch at Elkmont on Tuesday night.



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West Point's Dawson Crow

PREP BASEBALL

Archer's walk-off gives Cold Springs a 3-2 win over Falkville

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BREMEN, Ala. — The 7-5 Cold Springs Eagles hosted area rival Falkville on Tuesday afternoon in the first of three games the teams will play against each other this week.

Both starters pitched six innings or more, with Falkville's Landon Jones striking out three, allowing three earned runs and striking out three in his complete game effort. On the other side, Cold Springs' Cooper Johnson pitched a gem, only giving up three hits, zero earned runs and fanning seven Blue Devil batters.

While neither Falkville run was credited to Johnson, the first came in the top of the second. The Blue Devils' third baseman, Briley Tomlin, got on base to lead off the second inning, sneaking a ground ball under the glove of Cold Springs first baseman Dru Prevatt. After stealing second during the next at bat, Tomlin would get knocked home with a shot to the gap in right-center field from Clay Fitzgerald to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 lead. Johnson would get out of the defensive jam with a pair of strikeouts.

Much of the game was a pitching duel between Johnson and Jones, and a great one at that. Jones and the Devils kept hold of their lead in the second, with Jones striking out Prevatt on a beautiful offspeed pitch to end the inning. After Falkville failed to generate any offense in the top of the third, Cold Springs held their first rally in the bottom half of the inning.

Elijah Cole got things started with a ground-ball single that got past Falkville's infield, then an Ayden Black pop-fly got lost in the sunlight dropped between three players for a second straight single.

After a pop fly was caught on the next at bat, Eagle third baseman Boston Archer was hit by a pitch, giving Cold Springs loaded bases with only one out. After his hot start on the mound, Johnson stepped to the plate and knocked in a run for Cold Springs on a fielder's choice ground ball to tie the game up at one.

In the next half-inning, the Devils would retaliate. With two outs and Logan Fowler on second, Jones' third strike was dropped and after gathering the ball, Cold Springs' catcher launched the ball over Prevatt's head at first, allowing Fowler to score from second and Jones to make it on safely. The Eagles would get out of the top half of the fourth with a Jones eventually getting caught stealing third, but Falkville had retaken the lead, 2-1.

Then, the pitchers took over again. In the bottom of the fourth, Jones saw only three batters, striking out two.

After the Devils were caught stealing again to end an inning, Jones threw just four pitches across three batters to get out of the fifth inning unscathed.

It wasn't until the bottom of the sixth that Cold Springs got the bats going again. Brooks Black dropped in a blooper to shallow center field to get on, then the next batter, Brandon Chasteen, sent him all the way to third with a double down the line.

After a meeting at the mound, Colt Perdue was beamed by a fastball, and the bases were loaded with Eagles once again. Up to bat was Prevatt, who knocked a sac-fly to left field, scoring Black and tying the game up at two with just one frame to go.

Johnson stayed in the game to start the seventh, and got the first two Falkville batters he saw out, but allowed contact on both. Eagles' head coach Brendan Voce made the call to bring in Ayden Black to close the game out. He did just that, striking out Jones to give Cold Springs a chance to walk it off.

For the third time on the evening, Cold Springs loaded the bases. Cole and Ayden Black got back-to-back hits, and Falkville intentionally walked Lindan Hill to bring up Archer. With zero outs and the game on the line, Archer hit a laser to left field that fell just short of being a walk-off grand slam. One run was all the Eagles needed, however, and Archer's RBI single got Cold Springs the 3-2 victory.

The Eagles, now 8-5, were led at the plate by Cole, Chasteen (2B) and Black (2B) who all recorded two hits for the game.

Cold Springs will travel to Falkville for a double-header on Thursday night, then turn around and play in the Cullman County Tournament beginning Friday.



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Cold Springs' Boston Archer (black helmet) celebrating his walk-off hit with teammates

Cullman (from Front)

approved an ordinance governing the retail sale of consumable hemp products. Under the ordinance, retailers must be licensed by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC Board). Age restrictions require purchasers to be 21 or older, and prohibitions are enacted for smokable hemp products and online/direct delivery sales.

Retailers must get approval from the Cullman City Council or its Alcohol Review Committee before selling hemp products including proof of ABC Board application and zoning compliance. Under the ordinance, retail sales are allowed only in specific business districts with restrictions:

- Pharmacies can sell in all districts; liquor stores can sell only in B-2 business districts
- Minimum distance of 1,000 feet from schools, churches and similar locations
- Minimum distance of 1,500 feet between retailers (except pharmacies)
- No drive-through sales or visible exterior displays
- Compliance with state THC limits, packaging, labeling and age restrictions

The council approved a resolution detailing 19 job descriptions for existing positions in the Water and Sewer Department, and adding the following positions: GIS technician, compliance officer, inventory specialist, line locator, mechanical technician and utilities inspector. In the same ordinance, the council approved a pay plan for the Municipal Court.

The council also approved resolutions:

- to approve a change order with Jim Cooper Construction for the Cullman Omni-Plex construction project, reducing the project cost by $107,649.34 for a total amount of $19,149,834.59
- to enter into a traffic calming study on Bolte Road Southwest with Sain Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $2,500
- to enter into a research agreement with Auburn University for stream monitoring and training in an amount not to exceed $12,230

The council approved a slate of special events for April and May:

- The 1A-3A AHSAA State Track Meet at Cullman High School from Thursday, April 30 to Saturday, May 2, 2026
- Restoring Women Outreach's Cullman Microthon in the Arts District on Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 1-5 p.m.
- Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's annual Dinner on First in the Warehouse District on Friday, May 15, 2026, from 6-11 p.m.
- CPRST's annual Alabama Strawberry Festival in the Special Events District on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, 2026

The council held first readings of ordinances

- to rezone property owned by Rodney Hawkins located at 701 Main Ave. SW from R-4 Residential to B-2 Business District (PIN 5161). The council also held a public hearing, with no one speaking for or against the measure.
- to annex property owned by Joseph and William Culpepper located at County Road 1269 as AG-1 Agricultural District
- to rezone property owned by William and Jenna Culpepper located at 960 County Road 1269 as R-1 Residential District

These proposals can be acted upon at the next council meeting.

The Cullman City Council meets next on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Access (from Front)

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Alabama has legalized medical cannabis. That is not a debate; it is law.

Yet as the program begins to take shape across the state, a new question is emerging at the local level: what happens when a legal treatment option exists, but access to it is quietly limited before a patient ever has the chance to consider it?

Information shared with The Cullman Tribune indicates that physicians affiliated with Cullman Regional Medical Center may have been instructed not to participate in Alabama's medical cannabis program, including not providing certifications.

To ensure accuracy, questions were submitted to hospital leadership seeking clarification.

Cullman Regional provided the following statement:

"At this time there are 29 physicians in the state who are certified by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners to recommend medical cannabis to patients. Patients wanting to explore treatment appropriateness and options for medical cannabis treatment can search the medical cannabis certified physician registry on the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission website for help in locating a medical cannabis certified physician."

The statement does not address whether physicians affiliated with the hospital are permitted to participate in the program. Instead, it directs patients elsewhere, and that distinction matters.

A review of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners registry shows 29 physicians statewide currently certified to recommend medical cannabis. None are located in Cullman County.

The closest certified physicians are located in Huntsville, Jasper, Haleyville and Birmingham, requiring travel ranging from approximately 30 minutes to more than an hour for most Cullman County residents.

A significant concentration of certified physicians is in the Birmingham metro area, including providers in Birmingham, Vestavia Hills, Hoover, Homewood and Bessemer. Additional physicians are scattered across north Alabama and south Alabama, but access remains regionally limited.

In addition, the state registry referenced by Cullman Regional requires patients to navigate an online license verification system and open individual physician profiles to determine location and availability. For patients seeking care, access is not only limited, but it is also difficult to identify.

At the center of this issue is not marijuana itself – it is access.

Patients in Alabama can legally qualify for medical cannabis under state law, which outlines specific conditions, establishes a regulatory framework and places responsibility in the hands of physicians to determine appropriate care.

If that pathway exists, the question becomes whether institutional policy should stand between a patient and a legal option.

Hospitals and health care systems make decisions every day about treatment standards, risk management and physician practices. That is not unusual.

But those same systems routinely allow, prescribe and promote a wide range of treatments, from powerful prescription medications to emerging therapies, all with varying levels of risk and long-term impact.

So where is the line drawn, and why here?

If a physician can prescribe opioids for pain, antidepressants for mental health or injections for weight loss, all under accepted medical frameworks, what makes medical cannabis different in practice? Is the distinction based on science, policy or something less clearly defined? Those are questions patients deserve answered.

Physicians take an oath to act in the best interest of those they serve, which includes evaluating all available, legal treatment options and guiding patients through informed decisions.

When a system removes one of those options entirely, or declines to engage with it, it raises concerns about whether that decision is being made at the bedside or at the administrative level.

This is not an argument for or against medical cannabis. It is an argument for transparency.

If a hospital system has chosen not to participate in a state-approved medical program, patients deserve to know that clearly, directly and without ambiguity, and they deserve to understand why.

Because in the absence of access within traditional health care settings, the next step is predictable.

Independent clinics will emerge, they will fill the gap and patients will go where they feel their options are being fully considered. That shift does not eliminate the need for oversight or medical guidance; it simply moves it elsewhere.

Cullman is not immune to that reality. If local institutions choose not to engage, others will, and the question will no longer be whether medical cannabis is part of patient care in Cullman, but who is providing it and under what standard.

As Alabama's medical cannabis program continues to develop, this issue will not remain in the background. Patients are watching, families are asking questions and the expectation is simple: if something is legal, and if it may provide relief, it should at least be part of the conversation.

The law has already made its decision. The question now is whether local institutions will follow it, or continue to stand apart from it.

CERTIFIED MEDICAL CANNABIS PHYSICIANS IN ALABAMA

(As listed by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, March 2026)

North Alabama / closest to Cullman

- Clinton Scott Williams — Huntsville
- Henry Rene Lemley — Huntsville
- Marilyn Mojana Sala-da-Ligon — Madison
- Shane Roderic O'Neill — Madison
- Messalina Charisse Jordan — Boaz
- Roger Stanford Buck — Gadsden
- Roy Barco — Muscle Shoals
- Brent Edgeworth Boyett — Hamilton
- Jeffrey Wayne Long — Haleyville
- Woodrow Wilson Herring — Jasper

Birmingham Metro

- Jerry Thomas McKnight — Birmingham
- John Harrison Irons — Vestavia Hills / Bessemer
- Joseph Patrick Lucas — Homewood / Hoover
- Marquisha Denise Moore Jarmon — Hoover
- Nova Law — Birmingham
- Roy Delbert Ary Jr. — Birmingham
- Zenko J Hrynkiw — Birmingham

Central Alabama

- Daniel Edward Banach — Prattville
- Marilyn Joy Elizabeth Hepperle — Prattville

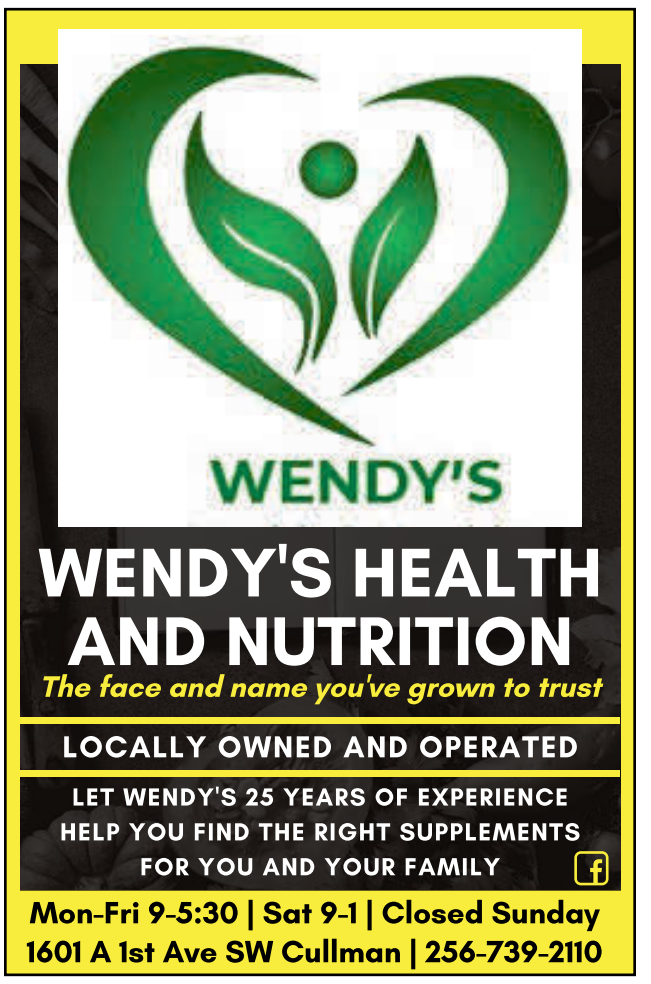
South Alabama

- Alaia Greene — Foley
- Valerie Catherine Staples — Foley
- Luke Burkett Fondren — Mobile / Loxley
- Viengxay Thomas Malavong — Irvington
- Aaron Michael Morgan — Brewton

Location not listed in registry

- Charles Raymond Bradford IV
- Dewey Thacker Jr.
- Madhav Vijen Devani
- Thavatchai Chamnongchareonwong

For more on doctors who are licensed and accepting new patients, visit https://dashboard.albme.gov/Verification/results.aspx.







Bowie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Bowie, a Husky mix around 5 years old with a calm, steady presence and a heart that seems to know exactly where he's needed. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

There's something special about a dog who chooses you in a crowded room, and that's Bowie. He has a quiet way of seeking people out, gently settling in beside them as if he's always belonged there.

Bowie has a low-medium energy level, making him an easy companion for a variety of homes. He enjoys affection and isn't shy about returning it, often leaning into those around him while they brush his thick, luxurious coat. He's especially fond of children and brings a gentle, reassuring presence wherever he goes.

Bowie is already neutered, and his adoption fee is just $35. While the cost is low, those familiar with Bowie say his value as a companion is anything but.

Bowie is currently waiting for a home where he can continue doing what he does best – simply being there for someone. He doesn't need the spotlight, just a place to land.

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 cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Bowie has already been adopted, shelter staff say he has plenty of friends waiting for their own forever homes.

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council at its March 23 meeting discussed roads, zoning, parks and more.

During departmental updates, council members noted that ongoing roadwork remains a priority and that additional paving is planned near city hall. The council said there is a need to inspect sections of roadway where sewer lines run beneath the surface to prevent future issues.

Parks and recreation league baseball practices have started, with the council reporting that local fields and park areas are in good condition.

The council also addressed a recommendation from the planning commission regarding the rezoning of property located at 416 Spiegel Road. The proposed ordinance would change the zoning classification from B-2 Restricted Access Business to General Business. The ordinance received its first reading during the meeting. A public hearing was held to accept comments; however, no members of the public spoke. The council is expected to consider the measure again at its next meeting before taking a final vote.

Council members also discussed concerns about a local park, particularly unauthorized overnight use and litter. Councilmembers stated the park is intended for public use, but some visitors have been using it in ways that cause maintenance and safety concerns. Potential solutions discussed included installing barriers such as bollards to prevent vehicle access while still allowing pedestrian entry, as well as exploring additional measures to maintain the park's intended use.

The next Good Hope City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, at Good Hope City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Obituary Announcements: March 24-25

Mable Marie Kelly, 94
Marie Kelly passed away March 23, 2026, at the age of 94. She lived in Ponca City, Oklahoma, from 1952 until 2025. She retired from Conoco as the first female Refinery Personnel Manager. The family will welcome friends for visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home in Hanceville, Alabama, on Wednesday, March 25, from noon-2 p.m. A graveside service will take place on Thursday, March 26, at 3 p.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery in McAlester, Oklahoma. Born in 1931 as the 6th of 8 children born to Moses E. and Lula A. Garner in Fairview, Alabama, She married Ernest Kelly Jr. of Haileyville, Oklahoma, in December. 1952 and moved to Ponca City. She subsequently had three daughters: Sharon Kay Kelly, Kim Kelly Boone (Calvin) and Kit Kelly Burdick (Carl). Marie is preceded in death by her parents, husband of 63 years (Ernest), her daughter Sharon Kay, her grandson Lucas Burdick, granddaughter Hannah Hunter, four sisters and one brother. She leaves behind two daughters, three grandsons, four great granddaughters and one great grandson as well as one sister and one brother. Now the fun stuff: Marie graduated from Fairview High School, where she was voted "most likely to succeed". Her father was a cotton farmer, and she grew up picking cotton, riding in a horse and buggy, and, when she was around 10 years old, had electricity run to their house, which ended up being a disappointment as there was no loud noise or pop or any sound of fanfare when it was connected that announced they now had electricity. Her little brother, Larry, never let her forget the time she broke his nose when they were playing baseball in the front yard; but if he ever brought it up, she would remind him that she could do it again. Marie's life was an adventure. She founded what was called at the time the Kay County Council for Retarded Children; she was active in the First Christian Church; and after her retirement helped her husband with his business Kelly Enterprises and operated a local TV station as well as running Fireworks Supermarket for years. Marie loved fishing, playing cards, board games, dominoes and casinos. She was an excellent cook and her fried catfish and hush puppies were the best around. She was an expert at cleaning fish rapidly, mostly out of necessity as Daddy would get up early to go fish before he went to work. Mom would get up to find live catfish swimming in the kitchen sink. Mom was beautiful, stubborn, independent, fearless and if she ever lowered her head and looked at you over her glasses, either grovel or run. She had a legendary point past no return when she had exhausted all patience. You didn't mess with Mom. Even Daddy was scared and he was present at D-Day in WWII. Mom could repair anything—lawnmowers, cars, broken gadgets, anything, again because Daddy simply missed that man gene; fortunately Mom was man enough for both of them. She was a good Mom. When we girls were little, before she went to work she would pack our lunch pails and taped a nickel to the lid for milk. If we needed a signed note or extra money for school, she would put it in an envelope and pin it to the front of our dresses so we wouldn't lose it. For church and special occasions, she would spit curl our bangs and put pink rollers in our hair. She tolerated Daddy sneaking his home made stink bait under our pillows and in our pockets. She was a much beloved daughter in law to Ernest Kelly Sr and wife Francis Buchanan Kelly of Haileyville, Oklahoma. We would make the 4 1/2 drive from Ponca to see them, and one time Daddy stopped to pick up 2 bullfrogs and threw them in the car. Mom had to find the bulllfrogs where they had hidden in the car, and then kill them and help cook them. Her in laws dearly loved her and cherished her and were astonished that Daddy married up. She was a riot and had a dry sense of humor. As you can tell, we love her, and will miss her badly, but it is with gratitude to God that we thank Him for her, and have such a great example before us of a life well lived. So thank you, Mom. We love you.

Rex Daniel Kugler, 86
Rex Daniel Kugler, 86, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on March 21, 2026. Born May 27, 1939, Rex was a beloved and cherished husband, father, and grandfather whose devoted presence shaped the lives of those around him. Throughout his life, Rex was known as a generous, hard-working, and honest man—loyal in friendship, wise in counsel, and steady in the ways that mattered most. Rex served in the Army National Guard and later dedicated 36 years of work at Monsanto/Nova Corp, a career that reflected his commitment and perseverance. Rex is survived by his wife, Virginia Anders Kugler; his son, Keith Daniel (Monica) Kugler; his grandchildren, Kyle D.(Amber) Kugler and Stedmon (Lindsay) Kugler; and his great grandchildren, Kade, Kaci and Kennedy Kugler. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Lee Kugler; his sister, Sandra Lou Kugler; and his parents, Darse Daniel "Ted" and Maudie Lou Huffstutler Kugler. Memorial Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, March 25, 2026, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will follow in the Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel. The family extends special thanks to Lisa Loggins and Centerwell Home Health care for their kindness, support, and compassionate service. To leave condolences for the Kugler family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

John Thomas Lanningham, 91
Visitation for John Thomas Lanningham, age 91, of Elburn, Illinois, will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Powell Chapel Cemetery in Falkville. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Mr. Lanningham was born on August 15, 1934, to Charles and Ella Roberts Lanningham. He passed away on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, IL. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Alta June Lanningham. He is survived by two sons, John (Lucille) Lanningham and Charles Lanningham; three daughters, Diana Wasielewski, Donna Williams and Carol (Frank) Sedivy; six grandchildren, Jonathan, Jason, Gia, Scott, Frankie and Kyla; and four great-grandchildren, Anthony, Gianna, Francesca, and Caden.

Allen Heath Gilliland, 53
Allen Heath Gilliland, 53, of Killeen, Texas, formerly of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on March 18, 2026. Heath is survived by his children, Lexie (Gage) Willingham, Molly (Brandon) Gilliland, and Jakeb Gilliland; 5 grandchildren; Knox, Thomas, Parker, Hudson and Bennett; brothers Bobby (Paige) Gilliland, Bubba (Tonya) Gilliland; sisters Tyler (Marcus) McLemore, Alex (Dustin) Gray and host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Per his wishes there will not be any services at this time.

Randy James Watkins, 63
Randy James Watkins, 63, of Cullman, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. Randy was born on Sept. 21, 1962, at Cullman Hospital to Robert Archie and Onzell Margieree (Kelso) Watkins. A 1980 graduate of Good Hope High School, he began working full time while continuing his education at Wallace State Community College and later at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Randy dedicated the final 26 years of his career to BASF in Huntsville before retiring last year. During his time there, he built not only a strong career but also many lifelong friendships. In his free time, Randy enjoyed cooking, cheering on the Crimson Tide (Roll Tide!), and, most of all, spending time with his family and friends. He had a generous spirit and loved opening his home to host gatherings and holidays where everyone was always welcome. Randy never met a stranger and had a way of making people feel at home. Randy will be remembered most for his warmth, kindness, and the deep love he had for his family. One of Randy's final wishes was that everyone would come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior, just as he had. His faith brought him comfort and peace, and he hoped others would find that same assurance in their own lives. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026, the evening before his service, from 5-7 p.m., at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. The funeral will take place the following day, Friday, March 27, 2026, at 3 p.m. in the chapel, with his dear friend Bro. Tim Kelly officiating. Randy will be laid to rest at Good Hope Cemetery. Randy was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert Wayne Watkins and John "Johnny" Edward Watkins; sisters, Margie Hill and Bonnie Watkins. He is survived by his sisters, Linda Sue (Herman) Haney and Betty (Ricky) Smith; aunt, Mary White; nieces, Brittney (Anthony) Blackmon, Michelle (Daniel) Todd, and Windy (Stephen) Todd; nephews, Ricky Farr, William (Alice) Haney, and Robert (Jacob Motes) Smith; special great-nephew, Lane Blackmon, and a whole host of great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is overseeing his arrangements.

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Challenge (from Front)

fidence in public speaking while deepening their understanding of the values and mission of FCCLA.

In Level 3 competition (11th and 12th grades), Aiden Freeman of Cold Springs High School earned first place. Reece Guthrie of West Point High School placed second and Katie Holmes of Vinemont High School placed third.

In Level 2 competition (ninth and 10th grades), Hennriette Campbell of Cold Springs High School earned first place, while Amanda Wilson of Hanceville High School placed second.

The event was judged by Tammy Whittle, a former Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, and Ann Culpepper.

FCCLA advisors from across the county were present to support their students, including Stephanie Blair (Cold Springs High School), Amie Veal (Cullman Area Career Center), Amanda Williams (Good Hope High School), Amy Chambers (Hanceville High School), Amelia Burke (Holly Pond High School), Whitney Young (West Point High School) and Madison Sapp (Vinemont High School).

Dr. Susan Patrick hosted the event at CATA.

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2026-004

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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Notice to: JENNIFER NICOLE WORRALL
ANTONIO VILLA JR. and
ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF D.T.V.

WJC

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2026-005

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
Donna E. Maddux,) Case No. PC 2026- 117
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Lavinia Maddux as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donna E. Maddux, deceased, on the 25th day of March, 20 26, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Lavinia Maddux
Personal Representative
Lavinia Maddux

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
Judge of Probate Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Al 35077
256-352-2090

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
EDWIN RUSSELL DANIEL,) Case No.: PC-2026-127
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to TRACEY HOGELAND, on the 23rd 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.

Tracey Hogeland, Personal Representative
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
RODGER D.E. PITTS, * CASE NO.: PC2026-107
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Rodger Dale Pitts, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of RODGER D.E. PITTS, deceased, on the 24th 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.

Rodger Dale Pitts, Jr.
Personal Representative

Barnes F. Lovelace, Jr.
Attorney for the Petitioner
HARRIS, CADDELL & SHANKS, P.C.
Post Office Box 2688
Decatur, Alabama 35602-2688

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 24th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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

PUBLIC NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services

March 20th, 2026
65 Byars Road
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-287-1192

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Purpose or Nature of Services:
To provide Turnkey Services for general engineering, design, bid, award, construction observation/inspection and related services for public facility/infrastructure projects. To serve in-process grant application, and possible other grant funded, projects for a three-year period commencing upon selection date.

Current Potential Agency Grant Funding Sources Include:
State of Alabama/HUD CDBG, LWCF and Related Programs, The Appalachian Regional Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, The Economic Development Administration, and the various programs of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Estimated Time Period: CY 2026-2029

For Additional Information: The full RFQ is available at Town Hall for viewing

Evaluation Criteria/Rating Points:
The Town of Colony shall evaluate each potential contractor in these terms:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of required services (30 points).
2. Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required (40 points).
3. Capacity to accomplish work within grant-specified time restraints (30).

In the event of a tie, oral interviews will be held with those firms. As a result of the interviews, the Town of Colony will determine which firm will be selected. Unsuccessful firms will be notified as soon as possible.

Responses to this RFQ should be hand-delivered to the **Town Clerk**, at the **Town Hall** located at **65 Byars Road, Hanceville, AL 35077** or mailed to **Jasmine Cole, Mayor** at the **Town Hall** at **65 Byars Road, Hanceville, AL 35077,** or emailed to gpurifoy36@gmail.com & colonymayorcole@gmail.com.

Responses to this RFQ must be received no later than **Wednesday, May 6th, 2026**. Please state *"Qualifications Statement-Engineering Services"* on the cover.

Jasmine Cole, Mayor | Equal Opportunity Employer

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 456

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

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
328 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR.) CASE NO PC 2026-044
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

TO: DARREN RENO MERHOFF, DEBORAH CAROL MERHOFF, BEVERLY LYNN WOMMACK, VIRGINIA WOMMACK GOTHARD and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR., deceased.

The Petition of Holly Wommack Allen to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Frederick Donald Meroff, Jr., deceased, has been set for hearing on the **14th day of May, 2026, at 10:30 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 17th day of March, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Nathan Johnson
909 E 2nd St
Sheffield, AL 35660

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Lisa G Geiger, An unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC, its successors and assigns. dated July 10, 2024; said mortgage being recorded on July 15, 2024 in Deed Book 2090, Page 271 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2154, Page 808 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Mortgage Solutions of Colorado, LLC D/B/A Mortgage Solutions Financial, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on May 7, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 of Hedgerowe Subdivision as recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, in Plat Book B174B and corrected plat recorded in Plat Book B180B.

Said property is commonly known as **114 County Road 755, Cullman, AL 35055**.

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

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

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

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

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258.

MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS OF COLORADO, LLC D/B/A MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS FINANCIAL
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-07636AL
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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

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026- 124

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FLORINE PERRY CLARKE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Bobby Gene Spears on the 24th 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.

Bobby Gene Spears
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Alabama Brick launches redesigned website, adds new resources

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Brick, which operates a location in Cullman, has launched a redesigned website as part of its 50th anniversary, introducing new tools and educational resources aimed at local homeowners, builders and contractors.

The updated platform is designed to make it easier for Cullman-area users to browse masonry products, explore design ideas and plan residential or commercial projects, whether building new or upgrading existing properties.

For local homeowners and builders, the new site provides a more direct way to compare materials, review installation guidance and visualize finished projects before committing to upgrades.

Cullman County has continued to see steady residential growth in recent years, with new subdivisions and housing developments expanding across the area, increasing demand for durable, low-maintenance building materials.

Access to clearer product information and design resources could help property owners make more informed decisions on materials that impact long-term value and upkeep.

Among the additions is a new Knowledge Center, which features a growing collection of videos, articles and guides focused on installation basics, design trends and the long-term performance of masonry materials. Company officials said new content will be added regularly.

The website also includes an updated filtering system to help users narrow down product options, along with downloadable catalogs and galleries showcasing materials such as brick, thin brick, stone, pavers and retaining wall systems.

Jeff South, owner and president of Alabama Brick, said the goal of the redesign was to create a more useful and accessible platform for customers.

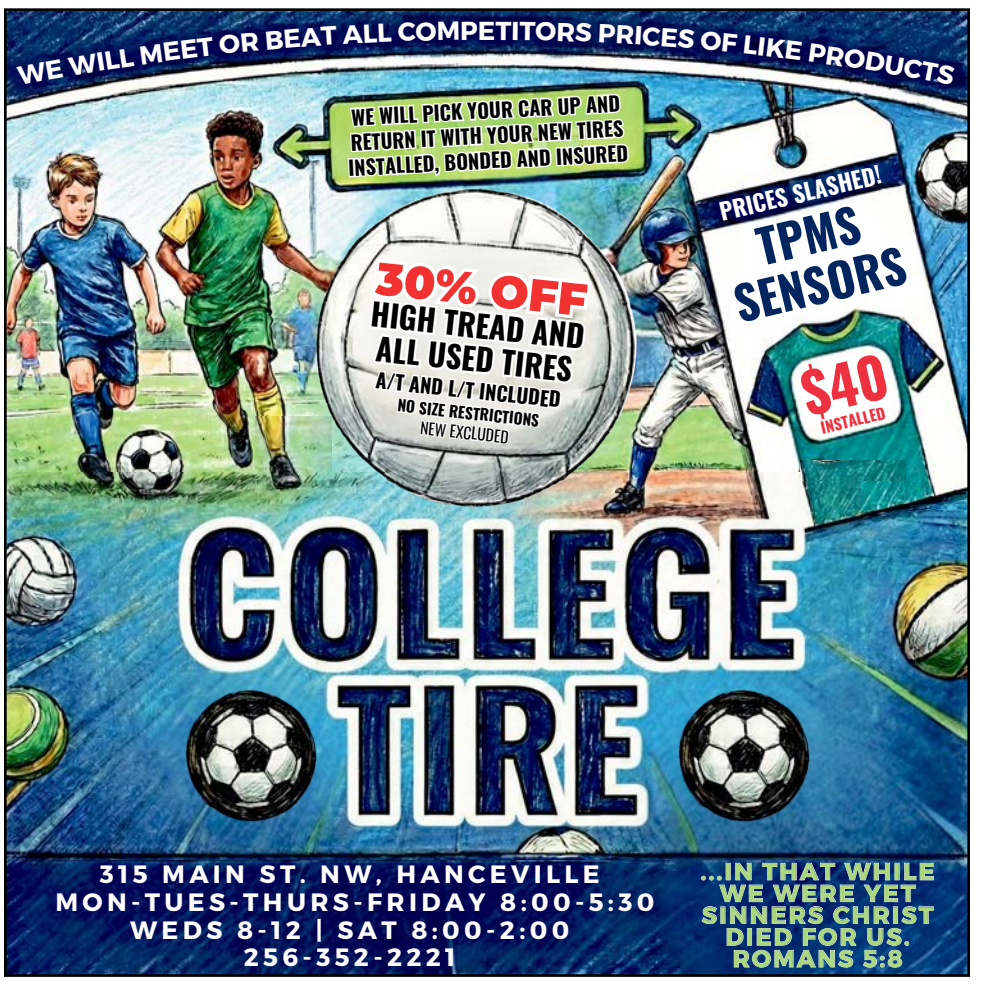
"We set out to build a website that delivers real value and serves as a guide for protecting your investment," South said.

"After 50 years of serving Alabama, this site reflects our commitment to helping builders and homeowners bring their visions to life."

The company is also offering a free downloadable guide highlighting design trends for 2026, focusing on materials and outdoor living features gaining popularity across the Southeast.

Alabama Brick has locations in Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Cullman and Pell City and has supplied masonry products across the state for more than five decades. The company remains family-owned and operated.

The redesigned website is www.alabamabrick.com.



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Berlin Farmers Market readying for season

Chasady Woods
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BERLIN, Ala. — The Town of Berlin held a growers meeting recently to discuss the upcoming 2026 season. The market will open Saturday, June 6, and be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Saturday through Oct. 31.

The Berlin Farmers Market is located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive, Cullman, Alabama 35058. It will feature locally grown, fresh produce, artisan foods and more. It has 16 covered bays, which annual growers have priority access to, with electrical hook-ups available.

GROWERS' FEES

Annual fee:

- $100 – If you reside within the Town of Berlin
- $150 – If you reside within the Berlin precinct
- $200 – All others

Note: Annual growers may sell items any day of the week throughout the season.

Weekly fee - $30

Daily fee - $10

Special event daily fee – $20

Those interested in becoming a grower or vendor can review market rules and regulations at http://berlinal.gov/berlin-farmers-market.

Updates and pop-up market days will be posted at www.facebook.com/BerlinAlabamaFarmersMarket.

For more information, contact Market Manager Keirstyn Montgomery at clerk@berlinal.gov.

Vinemont to host 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt March 29

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

VINEMONT, Ala. — The Town of South Vinemont will host its fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 29, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center.

The event, held in partnership with local churches, will feature hundreds of hidden eggs filled with candy, small toys and special prize tickets. To ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for all participants, designated hunting areas will be set up by age group. Age groups include ages 1-3, 4-6 and 7 and up. Attendees are required to bring their own Easter baskets for the hunt.

"This is our fourth year doing this event, and it's always a great time for families," said Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser. "Children will have the chance to search for hundreds of hidden eggs, and we'll have separate areas at different times for each age group to keep things fun and fair. We'll also have free hotdogs, chips and drinks, along with photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny."

She added, "Events like this bring people together. You'll meet new friends, reconnect with familiar faces and strengthen the bonds that make our community special. In a world that often feels rushed, this is a chance to slow down and share laughter and joy."

For more information, contact the Town of South Vinemont at 256-737-5411 or info@townofsouthvinemont.com. Vinemont Community Center is located at 88 Ridgeway St.

Cullman County PALS seeking volunteers for April roadway cleanup

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Volunteers are being sought for the upcoming Cullman County People Against a Littered State (PALS) roadway cleanup scheduled for April 11-18, 2026.

Cullman County PALS is organizing the effort as part of its ongoing mission to keep local roadways clean and promote community pride.

Organizers say volunteers will be provided with bags, gloves and safety vests, and arrangements will be made to pick up all filled trash bags following the cleanup.

Several roadways across Cullman County have been identified as needing attention, including County Roads 490, 1545, 38, 698, 222, 601, 1843, 1669, 1354, 1223, 1114, 1101, 831, 813, 437, 109, 747, 1141, 1763 and 703.

"Working together for an un-littered Alabama" remains the organization's guiding message as it encourages residents to take part in the effort.

Those interested in volunteering or adopting a road can contact Cherrie Haney at 256-531-4222.

Additional bags will be available for pickup at the Cullman County PALS location.

Organizers ask that participants place full bags as far off the roadway as possible in each direction and notify coordinators if all collected bags will not fit in a personal vehicle.

Cullman County PALS encourages residents to take part and help improve the appearance of local roadways throughout the county.

Get more info at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyPALS.

Curt's Closet holding spring and summer drive

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet is collecting essential items through its spring and summer drive. The organization is currently seeking donations of children's denim, athletic shoes and backpacks, items that play a key role in helping students feel confident and prepared.

Community Outreach and Fundraising Specialist Cheyenne Sharp said, "We focus heavily on school-ready essentials, items kids need every single day. When kids feel confident and prepared, it can truly impact their success in the classroom."

Athletic shoes remain a top priority, as they are required for many school activities and can be worn daily. Denim is also in constant demand, particularly among older students.

On a typical day, Curt's Closet serves six to 10 children, distributing up to 40 pairs of jeans. Because of that need, the organization depends on consistent community donations to maintain inventory.

Backpacks are especially needed for back-to-school season, when costs add up for families. The goal is to offer age-appropriate choices so students start the year confidently. Seasonal needs shift, with lightweight athletic wear popular in spring and school supplies required as fall nears.

To help, donate clothing, shoes and accessories at Curt's Closet Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Financial support is also welcome through events like "Clothed in Cullman" on April 30, which funds back-to-school and year-round services. The Bless Your Sole Campaign also provides brand-new shoes for every child at the back-to-school event.

Curt's Closet is located at 1101 Third Ave. SE, in Cullman. Find out more at www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset.



CURT'S CLOSET

Curt's Closet is located at 1101 Third Ave. SE, in Cullman. The local nonprofit is collecting essential items like denim, athletic shoes and backpacks for students.