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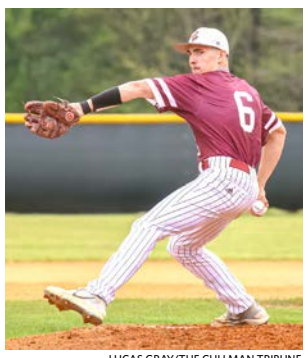
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Life of service: Tim Scott honored with Lucille Galin Public Service Award

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CULLMAN, Ala. — When the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce gathered Thursday, March 26, for its annual gala, one of the evening's highest honors was presented in memory of a man whose work, character and quiet leadership helped shape Cullman for generations.

On his behalf, the family of James Timothy "Tim" Scott received the 2026 Lucille Galin Public Service Award, recognizing a lifetime of service that left a lasting imprint on the community.

Scott, who passed away Feb. 20, 2026, at the age of 60, served as manager of the Duck River Reservoir and played a central role in developing and enhancing one of Cullman's most significant long-term projects.

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Cold Springs coach Paige Adams resigns amid investigation; case turned over to authorities



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Former Cold Springs High School Girls' Head Basketball Coach Paige Adams

Lauren Estes, Lucas Gray, Noah Galilee

CULLMAN, Ala. — After taking the Cold Springs Lady Eagles to the Final Four in her first year as head basketball coach, Paige Adams abruptly resigned Wednesday, March 25, at a special-called meeting of the Cullman County School Board. The matter is now in the hands of authorities.

"The Cullman County Board of Education, at a special-called meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, accepted and approved the resignation of Paige Adams, who was employed at Cold Springs High School," Cullman County Schools said in a statement after the meeting.

Amid speculation, CCBOE Superintendent, Dr. Shane Barnette released the following statement Thursday afternoon, March 26:

"This is the first formal complaint I have received regarding this employee. As soon as the concern was brought forward, an investigation was immediately initiated. The employee chose to resign at that time. In accordance with standard procedure, all CCBOE materials were returned, and she was escorted from school property. The matter has been referred to the appropriate authorities, and I promptly called a board meeting to approve her resignation. Our sole focus is protecting the students of Cullman County Schools. We are going to do what is right, as we always have."

Barnette told The Tribune the situation developed after concerns were brought forward, prompting an immediate response from the school system.

"When suspicions arose, we began an internal investigation, and the teacher resigned," Barnette said. "At that point, the matter was turned over to authorities."

Barnette said the resignation occurred while the school system was still in the process of reviewing the situation internally.

"We were in the process of investigating when she chose to resign," Barnette said.

He said there was no confrontation when Adams left the school.

"There was no argument or altercation," Barnette said. "She was aware that the investigation was continuing."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 27

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 27, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 23

- domestic violence; CR 532
- domestic violence; CR 1579
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- harassing communications; CR 747
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 766
- theft of property; School House Rd.
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- criminal mischief; 1st Ave. S Garden City

March 24

- domestic violence; CR 216
- violation of protection order; resisting arrest; Lipsey Ave.
- burglary; unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief; Main St. SE
- resisting arrest; CR 1682
- menacing; domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 1635

March 25

- harassment; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1736
- theft of property; CR 1652
- domestic violence; CR 1806
- domestic violence; CR 216

ARRESTS

March 23-25

Abott, Caitlin F.; 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Carpenter, Jennifer M.; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Chambers, Melissa A.; 47
- FTA – manufacture, use, sale, etc. of synthetic urine or urine additive

Dean, Michael A.; 42
- PROBATION REVOKED – possession of methamphetamine

Dove, Shaun A.; 39
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – theft from a motor vehicle-1st degree

Erby, Diamond L.; 18
- making false report to law enforcement authority
- resisting arrest
- assault-aggravated assault-family-knife

Fortenberry, Stephen B.; 41
- FTA – conservation-fish
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance

Graham, Philip R.; 39
- PROBATION REVOKED – counterfeiting

Harbison, Ann M.; 42
- drug trafficking
- theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

Hawkins, Robert S.; 37
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree

Hill, Jr., Michael D.; 31
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Holcomb, Terry J.; 68
- resisting arrest
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Holmes, Roy D.; 50
- identity theft

Johnson, Larry D.; 56
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Lackey, Thomas J.; 40
- assault-harassment

McCown, Katelynn M.; 32
- PROBATION VIOLATION – resisting arrest

Moises, Jr., Gallo; 43
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – improper pass on right

Pike, Justin K.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Pounders, Eric D.; 45
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-parent

White, Joseph D.; 50
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wilhelm, Joseph P.; 30
- FTA – driving under the influence of alcohol and/or 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in blood
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Wooldridge, Sandy E.; 31
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Yeager, Christopher E.; 54
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – resisting arrest

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 22
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $11; Hwy. 157

March 25
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; Lee Ave. SW
- harassing communications; person
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Denson Ave. SW

March 26
- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $80; 9th Ave.
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $56; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

March 25-26

Harris, Onis S.; 34
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Latham, Dylan W.; 27
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – expired tag

Terwilliger, Steven W.; 36
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Adams (from Front)

resignation, Barnette said, standard procedures were followed to ensure Adams no longer has access to school property.

"When any employee resigns, they are required to turn in all school property, including badges, keys and access materials," Barnette said. "She no longer has access to any school facilities."

Questions were also raised about Adams' spouse, who is also employed at Cold Springs High School.

"Her husband is a quality, stand-up individual, and we are privileged to have him in our school system," Barnette said.

Barnette said there are no concerns about Adams accessing school property through her husband.

The investigation remains ongoing, with multiple agencies involved.

When asked whether Adams could return to the school system if cleared, Barnette said any decision would depend on the outcome of the investigation.

"You are innocent until proven guilty," he said.

Barnette said the school system's priority remains student safety.

"Our sole focus is protecting the students of Cullman County Schools, and then our employees," Barnette said.

No information has been officially released as to the reason for Adams' resignation.

The Tribune reached out to Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, who said, "We have been made aware of the recent resignation of a Cullman County school employee.

"The circumstances surrounding the resignation are under investigation.

"We will consult the Cullman County District Attorney's Office and will provide more information at the appropriate time."

Committee (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Farm Credit recently announced that Cullman's Coltin Rainwater and Hanceville's Kyle Morris are new members of the Young Farmers Advisory Committee (YFAC).

Rainwater and Morris are two of 10 young Alabama farmers who will advise the lending cooperative on the challenges facing young, beginning and small producers in the region.

Rainwater works as a staking technician for Cullman Electric Cooperative. He also co manages Rainwater Ranch, a ranch-to-table beef program that finishes steers from their herd and sources locally to meet demand while developing heifers for herd expansion.

Rainwater is also deeply involved in the agricultural community, serving on the Cullman County Farm-City Committee, the Cullman High School Ag Advisory Council and the Young Farmers of Cullman County.

"Our Young Farmers Advisory Committee represents the next generation of agricultural leadership," said Alabama Farm Credit President and CEO Mel Koller. "Their firsthand experience is invaluable as we work to support the needs of young, beginning and small farmers across north Alabama."

Morris is the owner of an Alfa Insurance agency and Mulberry Bend Cattle Farm, a third-generation cow-calf operation in Hanceville that offers direct-to-consumer beef sales. Through his operation, Morris continues his family's agricultural legacy while connecting consumers directly to locally raised beef.

Morris is actively involved in agricultural, educational and community leadership. He serves as a board member of the Cullman County Farmers Federation, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) advisor for Hartselle City Schools, a member of the Hope Horses Fundraising Committee and a mentor with the Huntsville Mayfly Project. He is also a member of Crosshaven Baptist Church. Morris is married to his wife, Ashley, and they have two children, Avery and Luke.

"Our Young Farmers Advisory Committee includes producers who are deeply invested in both agriculture and their communities," said Koller. "Kyle's involvement helps us better understand how to serve young and beginning farmers across north Alabama."

Rainwater and Morris will serve alongside fellow YFAC members from across north Alabama, including Brennan Smith of Guin; Cassie Swann of Cullman; Sheena Gay of Woodland; Thomas Peek of Athens; Sam Young of Ranburne; Kaitlyn Thacker of Boaz; Kristen Stebbins of Athens; and Grant Tidwell of Double Springs.

Established in 2022, Alabama Farm Credit's YFAC is made up of young, beginning, and small farmers who demonstrate leadership and a strong interest in advancing agriculture in Alabama. The committee reflects AFC's mission to protect and promote agriculture for future generations.

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Miley joins Cullman CASA team

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Alyson Miley

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Caring for Kids and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) recently welcomed Alyson Miley as an advocate and case manager.

"Having another person on the CASA team will help advocate for more children by allowing for better volunteer recruitment, public awareness and having someone with diversified experiences," CASA Program Director Candace Lingo said. "The role of these volunteers is to act as the 'eyes and ears' of the judge, researching case files, interviewing parties and monitoring court orders."

CASA was founded in 1977 to train community volunteers appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court, aiming to ensure they find safe, permanent homes.

Lingo said children with a CASA volunteer often spend less time in foster care compared to those without.

Cullman Caring for Kids is a local nonprofit focused on preventing child abuse and supporting families in need through programs like a food pantry, foster family pantry and the CASA program.

It provides essential resources like food and toiletries, raises awareness about child abuse and offers a supportive environment for families facing hardship, emphasizing that its food bank helps alleviate stress that can lead to abuse.

"I am very blessed and excited to join this amazing team," Miley said. "Growing up in Cullman, I'm proud to be given this opportunity to make a difference in our community."

Miley said she hopes to use outreach on various platforms and education to bring awareness to the mission. She also shared there will be an announcement soon about a fun, family friendly event to help raise awareness and funds for CASA.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/cullmancountycasa or www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

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Events (from Front)

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Know of an event not listed? Email us at news@CullmanTribune.com.

MARCH 28

Crane Hill Easter Egg Hunt
- Time: Noon
- Location: Dowling Park
- Details: Families can enjoy a classic egg hunt followed by lunch at Mt. Hope Baptist Church, making it a full afternoon of community fun.
- Cost: Free

Redemption Church Easter Egg Hunt
- Time: 4-8 p.m.
- Location: Redemption Church Cullman
- Details: An evening celebration with egg hunts and activities for families to enjoy together
- Cost: Free

MARCH 29

Vinemont Community Egg Hunt
- Time: 2-3:30 p.m.
- Location: Vinemont Community Center and Walking Trail
- Details: A relaxed, community-centered event perfect for families looking to enjoy a spring afternoon outdoors
- Cost: Free

APRIL 4

Sportsman Lake Park Easter Egg Hunt
- Time: 9 a.m.
- Location: Sportsman Lake Park
- Details: One of the area's most popular hunts, offering a scenic setting and plenty of space for kids to search for eggs
- Cost: Free

Hanceville Civitan Club Easter Egg Hunt
- Time: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (hunt begins at noon)
- Location: Veterans Memorial Park
- Details: A full-day event with the egg hunt kicking off at noon, giving families time to arrive and enjoy the festivities
- Cost: Free

Colony Easter Egg Hunt
- Time: 3 p.m.
- Location: Colony Community Center
- Details: A local favorite that brings the community together for a traditional Easter celebration
- Cost: Free

APRIL 8

TheraPlay Sensory-Friendly Easter Event
- Time: 4:30- 6:30 p.m.
- Location: TheraPlay Pediatric Sensory Gym
- Details: Designed with accessibility in mind, this event offers a sensory-friendly environment so all children can participate comfortably
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The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Pantry at The Link
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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• 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.

Town of South Vinemont 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 29, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center, 88 Ridgeway St. The event, held in partnership with local churches, will feature hundreds of hidden eggs filled with candy, small toys and special prize tickets. Attendees are required to bring their own Easter baskets for the hunt. Free hotdogs, chips and drinks. Photo ops with Easter Bunny.

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
• CORRECTION: Lunch is $15, not $25
• 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 $15. 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.



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GREEN WASTE PICKUP DELAY
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PREP BASEBALL

Campbell's arm and bat lead West Point to a 7-4 win over Hanceville in the 2026 Cullman Co. Tournament opener

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The West Point Warriors and host Hanceville Bulldogs faced off in the first game of the 2026 Cullman County Baseball Tournament on Friday afternoon with a spot in the semifinals on the line. While the game was close early, a wild third inning gave West Point a sizable lead that they'd hold onto for the rest of the game to seal a 7-4 win.

Starting on the mound for West Point, Logan Campbell gave up just four hits, one earned run and fanned six batters in five innings, eventually earning the win. For the Bulldogs, Cody Belcher pitched a complete six innings, allowing seven runs and striking out three Warriors.

The Bulldogs struck first in the top half of the second inning. Christian Whatley and Jackson Sellers, the first two batters of the inning, made it on base by way of an error and a single. Next up, Eder Herrera drilled a ball to center field for a single, but an errant throw allowed both Whatley and Sellers to score to make it a 2-0 Hanceville lead.

It wouldn't last long, however, as West Point also got two on due to a walk and single to start their half of the inning.

After walking then stealing second, Carter McAfee was driven home on a ground out by Skylar Echols that also moved Campbell to third. Next up, a sac-fly by Cooper Howard drove Campbell in to make it a 2-2 tie.

In the bottom of the third, West Point jolted out and took the lead. Charlie Ashley drew a leadoff walk, then Thornton cranked a liner to left field and made it to second, with Ashley stopping at third. He wouldn't be there for long, as Cleghorn popped out to right field, allowing him to tag up and grab West Point's third run, with Thornton moving on to third base as well.

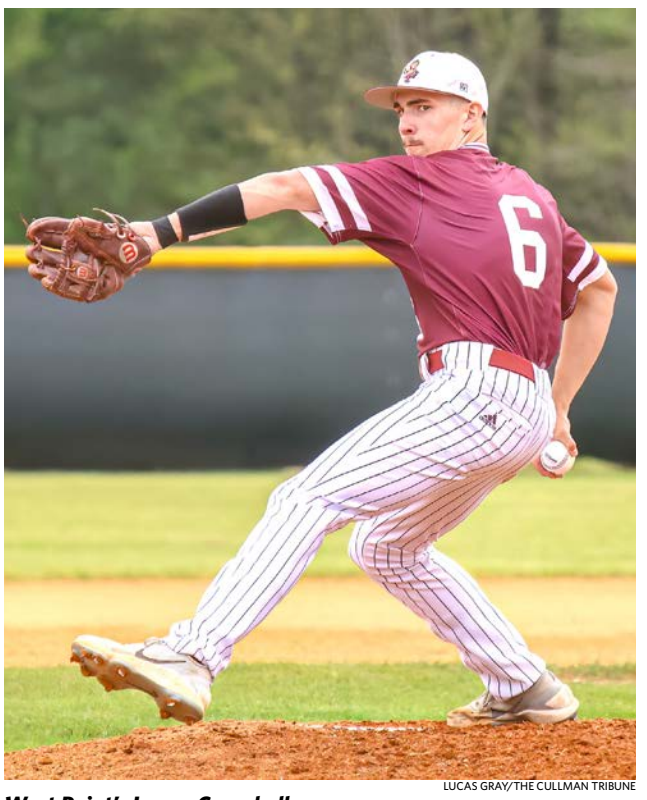
The Warriors momentum continued, as Dawson Crow doubled on the next play to score Thornton, then after a hit-by-pitch, Logan Campbell's triple emptied the bases to score two more. One more Warrior point went up on a sac-fly, and when Belcher finally got the third out and the dust settled, West Point led 7-2.

Hanceville wasn't done just yet. In the top of the fifth, the Bulldogs finally found home plate again. After Hunter Weeks and Hunter Black got on to start the frame, a sac-bunt by Whatley advanced both into scoring position.

Sellers then drove in Weeks on a ground out, and Black scored on the next play due to a dropped throw by West Point's catcher. Hanceville still trailed 7-4, but it looked like the game could've been headed for an exciting finish.

Instead, Thornton and Echols would come in to close the game out in the sixth and seventh innings, sealing a 7-4 win for West Point, who will play the winner of Good Hope vs. Holly Pond tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. for a spot in the tournament championship.

Leading the Warriors at the plate was Campbell, who went 2-3 and recorded two RBIs on his triple. For the Bulldogs, Sellers and Ely Stinson both came away with two hits.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Logan Campbell

West Point (from Front)

Staff Reports
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Cullman County's top high school math students recently competed in the Cullman County High School Math Tournament, showcasing their knowledge and problem-solving abilities across three divisions: Geometry, Algebra II and Comprehensive.

At the conclusion of the competition, West Point High School was named Grand Champion, delivering exceptional performances across all divisions and earning top honors for the day.

"We would also like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Wallace State Community College for hosting the event and supporting academic excellence in Cullman County," said Cullman County Schools.

Geometry Division winners
- 1st Place: West Point
- 2nd Place: Fairview
- 3rd Place: Good Hope

Algebra II Division winners
- 1st Place: West Point
- 2nd Place: Hanceville
- 3rd Place: Good Hope

Comprehensive Division winners
- 1st Place: West Point
- 2nd Place: Cold Springs
- 3rd Place: Hanceville

Geometry Top 10 winners
1. Collin Cooner – West Point
2. Thatcher Armstrong – West Point
3. Abram Motte – West Point
4. Cole Chamblee – West Point
5. Parker Nicholas – Fairview
6. Elizabeth Covarrubias – West Point
7. Jordan Price – Holly Pond
8. Lee Shannon – West Point
9. Carson Duke – West Point
10. Draven Walker – Fairview

Algebra II Top 10 winners
1. Eduardo Rodriguez – Fairview
2. Ava Pruett – West Point
3. Lezli Echeverria – West Point
4. Boston Nunnelley – West Point
5. Carson Cain – Hanceville
6. Grady Tankersley – Vinemont
7. Rylan Quick – Good Hope
8. Meadow Simmons – West Point
9. Zeke Spradlin – West Point
10. Makinnon Holt – Good Hope

Comprehensive Top 10 winners
1. Sean Harbison – West Point
2. Elijah Cole – Cold Springs
3. Starr Boyd – West Point
4. Stephen Briscoe – Hanceville
5. Aubrey Scott – Good Hope
6. Millie Brown – Hanceville
7. Sadie Smith – Cold Springs
8. Caleb Clark – West Point
9. Eva Giles – Hanceville
10. Vincent Lafont – Cold Springs



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Scott (from Front)

dedicated advocate for our community, and his leadership at Duck River Reservoir played an important role in developing and enhancing one of Cullman's most valued outdoor resources," the City of Cullman said in a statement after Scott's death.

"His efforts helped expand recreational opportunities for families, outdoor enthusiasts and visitors, and his work will continue to benefit the community for years to come."

The Duck River Reservoir stands as both a critical water source and a growing recreational destination, a place where infrastructure and quality of life meet. For many in Cullman, it is also where Scott's legacy remains most visible.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said Scott's impact extended beyond his work and into the lives of those who knew him personally.

"Tim Scott was a friend. My children were in his wedding. He was a good, kind, caring, trustworthy, honorable person and I loved him and his family," he said. "He carried that same passion and reliability to his civic involvement and oversight of Duck River. Every person in Cullman County benefits from Tim's work and I am honored to recognize his role in improving our quality of life with the Lucille Galin Award."

Scott's influence extended well beyond a single project.

He worked alongside farmers through Resource Conservation and Development and the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District, supporting agricultural efforts and conservation practices across the region. His connection to the land was not simply professional. It was personal.

Those closest to him often said his happiest moments were spent in the chicken houses, a reflection of both his work ethic and his deep roots in Cullman County through Scott Farms.

His commitment to the community carried into decades of civic service.

Scott was a member of the Cullman Lions Club for 38 years and served more than 25 years on the Cullman County Fair Board, contributing his time and energy to organizations that support families, agriculture and community life.

Former Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer said Scott played a critical role in the long-term success of the Duck River project.

"Tim Scott was one of the most significant people in the completion of the Duck River project that provided our community a 75-year water supply," he said.

"As a farmer himself, Tim assured landowners and those with agriculture interests that a backup water supply was a protection to their way of life, not a threat. He continued working monitoring the lake, performing water quality testing and helping landowners in the watershed."

Scott is survived by his wife of 26 years, Jessica Scott, and their children, Arleigh Grace, Zane and Kadie Scott, along with extended family members who remained central to his life.

Those who knew him remembered a man who valued hard work and passed those values on.

He believed in work – hard work – the kind that ensured his family could carry forward what he built, whether in the fields, at home or in the community.

Though he held many roles throughout his life, one of his favorite titles was simple.

An Auburn dad.

The Lucille Galin Public Service Award, one of the Chamber's highest honors, recognizes individuals whose service has made a lasting and meaningful impact on Cullman.

As the Chamber presented this year's award, the recognition reflected more than a lifetime of accomplishments. It reflected a legacy built through service, rooted in family and carried forward in the people, places and community Scott helped shape.

The award traces its roots to Lucille Galin, a longtime city and county clerk whose decades of work helped shape local government and set a standard for public service.

Over time, the honor has come to represent a broader measure of leadership and commitment, recognizing individuals whose influence extends beyond a single role or project. Recipients are often those whose work quietly strengthens Cullman through sustained service, civic involvement and long-term impact.



Expo (from Front)

Tanner Hood
Alfa Farmers

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Nostalgia, intensity and grandeur filled the ring at the 2026 Junior Livestock Exposition (JLE) in Montgomery, March 16–18 as competitors stepped into new-to-them arenas to exhibit finely fitted animals.

Before rodeo athletes kicked up dust during the Southeastern Livestock Exposition (SLE), beef and dairy exhibitors entered the historic Garrett Coliseum for the first time in over a decade.

Held in conjunction with SLE, the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance annually coordinate JLE, which includes beef, swine and dairy shows.

"I was kind of on the fence," said Cullman County's Caleb Elrod, whose son Easton was a participant in the junior beef shows. "We've kind of gotten used to showing in the other facility. But when we walked in, that nostalgic feeling of coming back in here and my son getting to do that was pretty exciting."

Caleb's career reached its pinnacle when he won the state steer show two decades before returning to the coliseum to watch his son compete.

"I thought showing in here was bigger and better," Easton said.

"It's a bigger ring with more room to work. It's been fun getting to learn from my dad and granddad because they were good at showing, and now I'm getting to learn from them."

Family ties also connected Chambers County's Jessi Maples to the coliseum's history.

"Showing in the Garrett Coliseum is cool for me just thinking back like, 'Oh, my parents showed here, and now I'm showing here," said Jessi, who competed in the steer and heifer shows. "I like showing in the same place my parents did. It's fun to have them teach me what they did when they were younger."

For John Maples, watching his children follow in his footsteps is a callback to a simpler way of family life.

"This is a family project," said John, who raises Jessi, Rylie, Boone and Rivers with wife Laura in Waverly.

"Showing in Garrett was always a special thing when the rodeo was in town, and I was excited to hear we were coming back to the arena this year. Me and my wife showed, and now our children getting to come in here brings back a lot of memories."

Swine exhibitors also welcomed a new show ring opportunity, moving into the Teague Arena with more space for friends and family to gather and watch.

Federation and Alfa President Jimmy Parnell said he was pleased to offer a historic venue for competitors.

"This is a real-life lesson," Parnell said about raising show animals. "Sure, you learn about livestock and agriculture, but you also learn about taking care of things. The venue, you might say, is a little bit awe-inspiring to those young people when they walk in here. It's a good learning experience."



ALFA FARMERS

Ty Harrison of Cullman County exhibited the third overall market animal during the Market Show at the Jr. Livestock Show in Montgomery March 16. It was also the third-place Crossbred. The show is annually coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation and is held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. He is pictured with Federation President Jimmy Parnell and judge Chris Mullinix of Kansas.



ALFA FARMERS

Easton Elrod of Cullman County exhibited the fifth overall bred and owned heifer during the Breeding Show at the Jr. Livestock Show in Montgomery March 17. It was also the champion bred and owned All Other Breeds Continental. The show is annually coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation and is held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition. He is pictured with Federation President Jimmy Parnell and judge Chris Mullinix of Kansas.



ALFA FARMERS

Steele Keener of Cullman County exhibited the reserve champion junior heifer during the Jr. Livestock Expo dairy show March 18. The Jr. Livestock Expo is held annually in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition and is coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation. He is pictured with judge Matthew London of Georgia and the Federation's Colton Christjohn.



ALFA FARMERS

Ryleigh Lance of Cullman County exhibited the champion Percent Chianina bred and owned in Alabama during the Breeding Show at the Jr. Livestock Show in Montgomery March 17. The show is annually coordinated by the Alabama Farmers Federation and is held in conjunction with the Southeastern Livestock Exposition.

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Baileyton (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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BAILEYTON, Ala. – Two Baileyton men were arrested following the recovery of stolen property and the alleged discovery of drugs during the execution of a search warrant, according to the Morgan County Sheriff's Office.

The investigation began after a utility trailer and a boat were reported stolen March 20 in the Joppa area. Deputies later recovered the stolen boat a short time after the theft.

On March 25, investigators with the MCSO Criminal Investigations Division executed a search warrant in the 600 block of Double S Mountain Road in Baileyton in connection to the case.

The operation was assisted by the Fugitive Unit, Drug Enforcement Unit and patrol deputies.

Authorities made contact at the residence with Jimmy Ray Stillwell, 36, of Baileyton, and Timothy Levi Stillwell, 39, of Baileyton.

During the search, deputies allegedly recovered the stolen utility trailer. Investigators also reported finding drug paraphernalia and a quantity of methamphetamine at the location.

Jimmy Ray Stillwell was charged with third-degree robbery, second-degree receiving stolen property, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and an outstanding warrant with other agencies.

Timothy Levi Stillwell was charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on a promoting prison contraband charge.

Both men were transported to the Morgan County Jail.

LEGALS

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

COREY REEVES, *
Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant, *
V. * CASE NO: CV 2026 – 900013
CASEY HUNTER and BLAKE HUNTER, *
Defendant/Counter-Plaintiffs. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Counterclaim in the above-styled matter was filed by Counter-Plaintiffs, Casey Hunter and Blake Hunter, in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on January 21, 2026. Attempts have been made to serve Counter-Defendant, Corey Reeves, with the CounterClaim by Cullman County Sheriff's Department and Certified U.S. Mail at the last known address of the Counter-Defendant, 415 Lincoln Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Please be advised that Corey Reeves, as the named Counter-Defendant, has thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said CounterClaim and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, Shay Persall Law, LLC, 611 7th Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

Done this 25th day of March, 2026

LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA FARRIS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-072**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to LAJUANA DURBIN, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of PATRICIA FARRIS, deceased, on the 26th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Lajuana Durbin
Personal Representatives

Shelbie G. Hankey
409 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
Stacey L. Stewart,) Case No. PC 2026-078
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Joe M. Stewart
Personal Representative
Joe M. Stewart

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Judge of Probate Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARK ALLEN BENEFIELD, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-028**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KRISTI TAYLOR, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARK ALLEN BENEFIELD, deceased, on the 11th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Kristi Taylor
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
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Cullman, Alabama 35056

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
THOMAS CODY SOUTHEARD, * CASE NO.: PC2026-082
Deceased. *

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Richard Thomas Southeard, as Personal Representative of the Estate of THOMAS CODY SOUTHEARD, deceased, on the 11th day of March, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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Richard Thomas Southeard
Personal Representative

Johnny V. Berry
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405 Second Avenue Southwest
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 11th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHNNY ALRED REEVES aka, JOHNNY A. REEVES Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-453**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROGER BURNETT, JOE BUTERA and DAPHNE W. BUTERA, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of JOHNNY ALFRED REEVES aka JOHNNY A. REEVES, deceased, on the 19th 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.

Roger Burnett
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Daphne W. Butera
Co-Personal Representatives

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JEWEL MCCARN HALL, * CASE NO. PC 2026 - 008
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Daniel Mosley and Ashley Mosley as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Jewel McCarn Hall, deceased, on the 12th day of March, 2026, 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.

Daniel Mosley
Personal Representative

Ashley Mosley
Personal Representative

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Attorney for Personal Representatives

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Hola! Coma estas? Todo bien aqui!

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



What? Well, that's how they said it where Jean and I recently spent a little more than a week. The translation in my native Southern English would be something like, "Hey! How y'all doing? Everything's good here!" However you say it, everything was good...really good! We saw and strolled the beach, visited castles, rode a high-speed train and ended up in the capital city.

As I'm writing what you are now reading, I'm sipping coffee while I look out from a ninth-floor balcony of the Occidental Fuengirola high-rise hotel. Was it good coffee? No, it was instant, but who cares when you're staring out over a beach and the shores of the Mediterranean Sea? I'll have approximately 378 cups of good cappuccino before I leave this country, but for today, bad coffee is bueno.

Although I can't actually see it, straight across the Mediterranean is Morocco. A few miles to my west, the Strait of Gibraltar connects the Mediterranean to the Atlantic, and separates Europe from Africa. I'm in the Costa del Sol region of Southern Spain. They speak Southern here...southern Spanish.

A couple of white seagulls glide by me at eye level...high eye level. As I watched the birds, I caught a glimpse in the distance of what appeared to be a fortress on a hill. Spain's flag flew above one of its towers. I learned it was Sohail Castle, a fortress first constructed by the Moors in the 10th century. It was overtaken by Catholic Monarchs in the 15th century. Eventually, it was decommissioned as a fortress. It now serves as a venue for social events and concerts.

Today, we begin a planned tour with a travel group of seasoned adults – also known as recycled teenagers. Our group is comprised of travelers from Alabama, as well as Michigan, Connecticut, West Virginia and two young ladies from Florida. We Alabamians flew over together on an all-night flight directly from Atlanta to Madrid, and then down to Malaga. That evening, we met with our tour guide and the other group members for introductions, instructions and tapas. We would have tapas many more time before we left, as well as fresh bread, bread and more bread. The bread is great by itself, but when you drag it through their amazing olive oil and balsamic vinegar... wow! We call that "sopping" in Alabama.

I knew some of the Alabamians, and I thought I recognized one of the Floridians. I do have relatives in Florida, but I didn't think she was any of my kin. They were two young ladies; both much younger than the rest of our group. As it turned out, we had never met, but I had indeed seen one of them before. A regular routine at my house is to watch "Jeopardy" and "Wheel of Fortune." Back in January, a young lady won the prize puzzle on "Wheel of Fortune." Her trip was a Collette vacation to Spain. I remember thinking she could be part of our tour group, and sure enough, here she was. She and her traveling partner fit right in and kept right up with our more "seasoned" group. We thoroughly enjoyed getting to know both of them. We picked her brain about what it was like to be on the show, and getting to meet Ryan and Vanna. She was born in Peru and spent her childhood there, so she was quite helpful with our language barriers.

Since I had not actually slept since the night before last, I was ready to hit the hay before we hit the road the next day. Spain, look out, here we come!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com.

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: March 28, 1957

From the files of March 28, 1957

Marchman Family Gets New Modern Kitchen
Jo Ann Lowry,
Assistant H. D. Agent

During the past year, Mrs. J. H. Marchman saw some of her dreams come true. At last, she has a modern kitchen which is a dream of all homemakers. Early in 1956 the Marchman family made their plans and began work. And now they have a beautiful modern kitchen. One of the first things they did was remove the partitions between the old kitchen and dining area to make a large kitchen with a nice eating area. Cabinets were built and a sink with running water was installed. Green and ivory tile was put on the floor and the walls were painted a pale yellow. A new home freezer was added to complete the kitchen.

Mrs. Marchman has really been a busy person. During the year she also painted three other rooms, put down a new rug, canned and froze 750 quarts of fruits and vegetables and made 34 garments for herself and the children besides doing her housework and some farm work. Her plans are still far from being completed and it looks as if this farm lady will accomplish as much or more during 1957 as she did in 1956. She has already purchased a new sewing machine, built a closet and is now in process of landscaping her home. Several new plants have been put out and others will be added later.

Mrs. Marchman has a family that isn't afraid of work and with her husband and their four children helping it makes it easier to get the job done.

The Marchman's live in the Brooklyn Community about 18 miles east of Cullman. They have completed one year in the Farm and Home Development Program.

Speech Students Visit Television Studios

Monday, March 25th students of the Cullman High Speech department made a tour of the WABT and WAPI studios in Birmingham. The tour lasted about one hour, lunch was eaten, and then the group saw Schoolroom Progress U. S. A. This was an exhibit of schoolroom progress, sponsored by the First National Bank in Birmingham. Of particular interest were exhibits of penmanship and a pencil sharpener from the school of Henry Ford.

The group was under the supervision of Marvin Tuttle. The students were James Davis, Elwin Umphrey, Ellamenia Waldrop, Ted McMinn, Harold Parsons, Ralph Freeman, Karen Butler, Gene James, Freddie Mae Thomason, and Asa Hartwig.



— Photo by Schlosser

CHAMPION HEREFORDS — Joe Farquhar (left) herdsman for Lowe's Hereford Farm shows the champion at the North Alabama show here last week. Clarence Johnson (right) of Rt. 8, Cullman exhibits the reserve champion.

To and Fro

The Felix Murrells left early Saturday morning for Cincinnati, Ohio where Mr. Murrell attended the National Elementary Principal's Convention and Mrs. Murrell and the twins, Linda and Brenda, visited friends. They returned to Cullman Wednesday night in order to attend the AEA in Birmingham today and Friday.

A Cullman student has been selected for business manager of the Auburn Engineering Journal for the 1957-58. He, Douglass Lovelace, will be a senior at API this fall and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Houston Lovelace.

Among the 52 freshman nursing students of Birmingham Baptist hospitals to receive their caps last Friday night at Southside Baptist church was Betty Gould of Cullman. She is president of her class, member of the student council, the nurse's choir, B.S.U. and Y.W.A. Attending this traditional service were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gould, as well as Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Howard, Mrs. Robert Schaefer, Patsy Schaefer, Nan Gould, Mrs. Ottie Nix, all of Cullman and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. York of Lincoln.

The final meeting of the Cullman High PTA for this school year will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 P. M. in the lunchroom. It will be a joint dinner meeting with the Lions, BPW and Civitan clubs.

Strawberries in this weather! Mrs. G. W. Fine of Hanceville picked the first strawberries of the season from her patch on March 23rd.

Pre-Easter services will be held at the First Methodist church April 7-12. Rev. M. E. Curl, son of the First Methodist pastor, will be guest preacher.

POET'S CORNER

The Weather of Seasons

By: April McCay

I would love to hear from you if you enjoy Poet's Corner. Email me at randyhale62@yahoo.com.

Today, you arrive with beams of
warm sunshine.
Offering moments to write,
To spend time with loved ones,
To sit still with God.
You showcase God's creation
Through nature's songs, painted landscapes
speckled in the blossoms of spring.
Delighting my senses with aromas from God's garden
Dancing in the wind to reach me.
Today, your rhythm is different from yesterday.

Yesterday, you were chilly and cold.
You hid the sun and its warmth.
In return, you offered a spectacular display,
Creating a childlike wonder in my heart,
As you poured down your magic
In snowy ice crystal flakes.
You covered up the green grassy spring
With your wintry white dust.
Yesterday, you reminded me that God made one day
Just as He did another and that He holds tomorrow too.

Tomorrow, what season will you be?
For now you are a surprise,
A marvelous mystery.
Lord willing, you will arrive
You excite me with all the possibilities.
You hold my future
A treasure chest containing unlived memories.
Tomorrow, you are a gift
Whether in the form of rain, sunshine or snow.
Tomorrow, I am told not to be anxious for you.
So until tomorrow, I will enjoy today.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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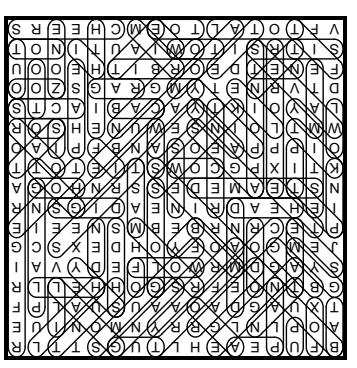
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Grant (from Front)

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WALTER, Ala. — A $1.3 million state grant awarded to Walter Water Authority will support system upgrades while helping keep water rates lower for customers in the Walter area.

According to information shared by Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, the funding was secured through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management and does not require a local funding match.

Gudger said the grant was obtained with the support of the local legislative delegation and noted the project has already been completed.

"This project was recently completed," Gudger said.

While specific components of the project were not detailed, officials said the funding was used for upgrades and maintenance within the water system.

Officials said the full grant funding allows the water authority to complete upgrades without requiring additional local funds, helping reduce the need for potential rate increases.

Phillip Hicks, a board member of Walter Water Authority, expressed appreciation for the support from state leaders. "We very much appreciate Senator Gudger's help in securing this grant for the benefit of our community," Hicks said. Gudger also credited collaboration with state and local officials, including Gov. Kay Ivey and members of the Cullman County legislative delegation, including Rep. Heath Allbright, R-Hollypond; Rep. Cindy Myrex, R-Cullman; and Rep. Tim Wadsworth, R-Arley. He described the project as part of broader efforts to improve infrastructure in rural Alabama.

Obituary Announcements: March 26-27

Betty Zane Thomason, 95
Funeral Service for Betty Zane Thomason, age 95 of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Friendship Baptist Church with Tim McCormick officiating; burial at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Friendship Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Thomason passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at her residence. She was born, Dec. 22, 1930, to Charlie Gold Evans and Eddie Aileen Haynes Evans. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ethredge E. Thomason, Sr.; son, Eugene E. Thomason, Jr.; grandson, Auston R. Thomason; brother, Kerry Wayne Evans and sister, Peggy Jane Williams. Survivors include her son, Ted Randy Thomason; granddaughters, Melissa Johnson (Jay), Robin Brock (Thomas) and Nevaeh Thomason; grandson, Chris Thomason (Ginger); great grandchildren, Peyton & Taylor Campbell, Kacey & Jenna Johnson, Trendyn Thomason, and a host of nieces and nephews. A special thanks to Southern Care New Beacon Hospice.

William 'Tommy' Thomas Swann, 74
William "Tommy" Thomas Swann, age 74, of Good Hope, Alabama, passed away on March 23, 2026, at 6:15 a.m. Tommy will be remembered as a devoted, hard-working, honest, faithful man—artistic, a true jack of all trades, a leader and go getter—known as well for his unique sense of humor as for the steady way he showed up for others. Tommy was a retired science teacher who taught at Dowling School, Jones Chapel, Hanceville High School, Cold Springs High School, and Wallace State Community College. Most of his teaching years were spent at Hanceville High School, where he was able to secure grants for a science lab. He was chosen to pilot the Applied Biology-Chemistry Program in Cullman County. One of his favorite experiences was completing NASA's U.S. Space Academy in Huntsville. In retirement, Tommy kept himself busy with a multitude of different jobs before he eventually owned and built a successful fire extinguisher business that he ran for 10 years. He especially loved watching his grandkids play sports. Tommy enjoyed working in his shop, beekeeping, drawing, fishing, Alabama football, and catching up with old friends. He was a volunteer Fireman and an EMT, and he served as chief at Arkadelpia Fire Department for many years. As Chief, he was able to secure funds and build a new and improved firehouse. He received the Outstanding Leadership Award for Firefighters for Cullman County. He also made it possible and oversaw the building of Arkadelphia Park. Tommy was a Gideon and a devoted member of his church family. He enjoyed teaching Sunday school and Wednesday night service and was devoted to the spreading of God's word. He is survived by his wife, Linda Kaye Swann; children, Kelsey Ashten Stewert (William), Andrea Elise Key (Ryan), Eric Nicholas Swann (Monica), and Patrick Kiel Swann; grandchildren, Jadon, Ben, Isabella, Dallin, Mason, Zane, Blair, Jet, and Reid; great grandchild, Koepland; brothers, Perry Lynn Swann and James Spencer Swann; and sister, Gaylon Tyrone Baty. He was preceded in death by his father, Jessie Swann, and his mother, Carrie Lee Swann. His legacy is simple and strong: he always showed up for people. Tommy was always ready to help those in need, no matter the day nor the hour. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on March 27, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. Tommy will lie in state at Valley View Baptist Church, 4191 County Road 35, Hanceville, AL 35077, on March 28, 2026, from 1-2 p.m. A Celebration of Life will follow from 2-3 p.m., with a Committal Service from 3-4 p.m. The family extends sincere appreciation to Southern Care Hospice, with special thanks to nurses Lynsey Trussell and Madison Bennett for their loving care, and to Steton Hayes for his uplifting visits. "How blessed we were to love and be loved by you. Your passion for teaching was felt by a whole community, but you left the most important lessons for your family. You taught us the importance of hard work and the importance of being someone others can depend on, but you also taught us the importance of living with Jesus in our hearts. Because of that we know that this is not a farewell, but a see you later. We love you and long for the day we get to see you again."

Johnnie Thrasher Leigeber, 82
Johnnie Thrasher Leigeber, age 82, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on March 23, 2026. Born on Jan. 11, 1944, Johnnie was beloved and cherished by all who knew her. She was very devoted to her faith and had a steady love for her family and friends. Johnnie is survived by her daughter, Tracy Leigeber Hartwig (Trent); her son, Derek Arthur Leigeber (Vicki); her sister, Barbara Thrasher Watson; and her brother, Harold "Butch" Thrasher. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Alicia Victoria Hollis (James), Joseph Derek Leigeber, Nikolas Mason Hartwig and Emily Anne Leigeber (Gyver); and her great grandchildren, Ezekiel James Hollis, Abigail Victoria Mary Hollis, Daphne Anne Hollis, Joshua Derek Hollis and William Arthur Hollis. She is further survived by a host of nieces, nephews extended family and friends. Johnnie was preceded in death by her parents, Jep William and Flossie Eveleen Davis Thrasher; her husband of 51 years, Arthur Carl Leigeber; her brothers, Talmadge Thrasher and Marvin Thrasher; and her sister, Katie Hill. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Thursday, March 26, 2026, from noon-2 p.m. To leave condolences for the Leigeber family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Judith 'Judy' Ann Smith Cride, 84
Judith "Judy" Ann Smith Crider, 84, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully with family at her side on March 25, 2026. She was born July 21, 1941, to Herman and Vera Smith. Everyone who knew Judy knew of her deep love for her family, Jesus, her church, and her friends. She graduated from Cullman High School and was employed at Parker Bank and, later, as the circulation manager for The Cullman Times newspaper. However, she spent most of her life as a homemaker, mother, and grandmother, spoiling her grandchildren, and, later, her great-grandchildren. She is survived by her sons; John Crider and Jeffery Crider; her two favorite "children," daughters-in-law, Donna Crider and Cheryl Crider; her brother, Jerry Smith; and grandchildren, Chase (Helen), Lindsey (Christopher), Lauren (Whit), Claire (Dillon), Carissa, and Kate (Landry); and great-grandchildren that brought her much joy in her twilight years, Corbin Crider (Rachel Hall-fiancee') Avery McGhee, Oliver and Benjamin Bloodworth, Alden and Camille Cordes, and Charlie Hall, and a host of nieces and nephews—along with many friends she counted as family. Preceding her in death was her loving husband Norman Crider and parents Herman and Vera Smith. Funeral services will be held at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama, Sunday, March 29. Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the funeral service will follow at 3 p.m. A graveside ceremony and interment will follow at the Cullman City Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alabama Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries. https://www.alabamachild.org/.

Zachary 'Zach' Frank Mariano, 34
Zachary "Zach" Frank Mariano 34, from Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on March 23, 2026, at 2:53 p.m. Zach was truly an amazing man, and an amazing father of 6 kids. His life revolved around them. He was a person that was always willing to help when needed. Zach was a hard worker and put his heart into everything he did. Zach never believed in doing anything halfway. Zach met his wife in 2005 and truly loved her. Zach had such a pure love for his family that is rare to see these days. He fought his battle with cancer for 3 years just to have more time with them. His aunt Kelly was one of his best friends along with his cousin Aaliyah. He was always a mama's boy at heart. His father Frank was a huge part of his life during his sickness alongside his mother Betty. Zach was a devoted Christian and believed in our Father. He was a very goofy person and believed in making the best out of any situation. He never believed in giving up or throwing in the towel. He fought everyday down to his very last day. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW Cullman, AL 35055. Family will receive friends 3:30-4:30 p.m. with service to follow at 4:30 p.m. Zach is survived by his wife Jackie his children Isaiah, Peyton, Elena, Jenavie, Miah and Zaelia Mariano. His father Frank (Lisa) Mariano and his Mother Betty Brasher. His grandmother Betty Speegle. His sister Cassie Mariano, Bama Minor, brother Anthony Brasher. Stepbrothers Nick (Mallie) Riggs, Stephen (Sherietta) Riggs, Daniel and Eddie Riggs, and a host of nieces and nephews. His aunts Anna Green and Kelly Holmes. His cousin Aaliyah Green. He is preceded in death by his Grandfather Roy Speegle, Aunt Ann Wright, Sister Ana Marie Mariano and brother James Mariano.

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