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Ollie's to open Cullman location April 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Discount retailer Ollie's Bargain Outlet will open its Cullman location on Thursday, April 23, marking the company's official entry into the local market.

The store is located off U.S. Highway 31 in the Town Square shopping center, occupying the former Goody's space.

Ollie's announced the opening on social media, confirming the date and inviting customers to attend the grand opening event.

The Pennsylvania-based chain is known for offering discounted, brand-name merchandise across a wide range of categories, including food, housewares, flooring, books, clothing, bedding and toys.

According to the company, customers can expect savings of up to 70% off traditional retail prices, with inventory that frequently changes based on closeouts and surplus deals.

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Ollie's Bargain Outlet will open April 23, 2026, in the old Goody's location in the Town Square Shopping Center in southwest Cullman.

Easter Bunny hops through Vinemont



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The Town of South Vinemont held its fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Vinemont Community Center and surrounding area. Held in partnership with local churches, the event featured hundreds of hidden eggs filled with candy, small toys and special prize tickets. It was a beautiful, sunny spring day!



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 30

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 30, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 26

- domestic violence; CR 420
- criminal mischief; CR 437
- harassment; Lions Park Rd.
- harassing communications; Hwy. 157
- home repair fraud; CR 1378
- harassment; CR 1303

March 27

- theft of property; Hwy. 69N
- burglary; CR 604
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S
- burglary; CR 1111
- dog bite; CR 1455
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1570
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- possession of marijuana; I65SB MM 304

March 28

- criminal mischief; CR 520
- trafficking drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 91
- harassment; Commercial St. SE
- theft of property; CR 2010
- theft of property; CR 1492

March 29

- domestic violence; interference with a domestic violence emergency call; Commercial St. NE
- domestic violence; CR 222
- harassing communications; CR 1516
- violation of protection order; CR 18
- passing forged instruments; Hwy. 278E
- theft of property; CR 698
- possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 703
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Commercial St. NE
- domestic violence; Edmondson Rd. NE

ARRESTS

No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 27

- burglary; McSwain's Pharmacy; miscellaneous, damaged property; Main Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; miscellaneous; CR 715
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,136; Olive St. SW

March 28

- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; 2nd Ave. NE

March 29

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Piney Point Dr. NW

ARRESTS

March 27-29

Tucker, Lisa M.; 46

- public intoxication
- false information to law enforcement

Richter, Morgan B.; 23

- public intoxication
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Weaver, Coty L.; 36

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Overton, Celina J.; 32

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Lucas, Aneta M.; 52

- expired tag

Harris, Onis S.; 34

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

White, Phillip J.; 66

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – driving without license

George, William B.; 43

- possession of controlled substance
- tampering with physical evidence

Brasher, Ronald A.; 42

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – DUI

Lancaster, Brianna L.; 26

- domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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ACES: Alabama farmers face disruptions, economic woes from war in Iran

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Alabama farmers are hurting and now face even tougher economic times, as the war in Iran has increased the price of key agricultural inputs. Now more than ever, it is crucial for farmers to stay engaged with the changing economic landscape and make smart management choices.

"Farmers must be proactive in managing their input costs by efficiently using the resources already available and identifying opportunities to reduce unnecessary expenses," said Rishi Prasad, an Alabama Extension nutrient management specialist at Auburn University.

Current market conditions

Other market disruptions, such as conflicts and tariffs, have caused steady increases to input costs throughout the past year. However, fuel and fertilizer prices have spiked even higher within the past month. The price of diesel fuel, for example, increased 51% — from $2.84 to $4.30 per gallon.

Wendiam Sawadgo, an Alabama Extension agricultural economist at Auburn University, said nitrogen is the major fertilizer nutrient affected by the war in Iran.

"In Alabama, nitrogen-based fertilizer prices are trending higher compared to both last year and since the war started in late February this year," Sawadgo said. "This increase may have a sizable effect on producers who have yet to purchase or price fertilizer for this planting season."

Approximately one-fifth of the world's oil and one-third of the world's fertilizer pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

War activities that essentially block the Strait of Hormuz are the main disruption to global markets. Located along the southern coast of Iran, this area is an important global checkpoint for oil and fertilizer.

Sawadgo said major agricultural countries, including Australia, Brazil and India, rely heavily on imported fertilizer from the Middle East. While the U.S. does not rely on these same imports as heavily, the disruptions cause a domino effect on global markets.

"The effects the Iran war has on agriculture are complicated," Sawadgo said. "While the U.S. produces most of the nitrogen fertilizer it uses, it imports natural gas used in nitrogen-fertilizer production from Canada. So, any disruptions to natural gas markets could, in turn, affect nitrogen fertilizer prices here in the U.S."

Other fertilizer nutrients, such as potash and phosphate, have not seen an immediate price change from the war in Iran.

However, Sawadgo said the U.S. imports some phosphate and urea through the Strait of Hormuz, so there is potential for future impacts.

Smart farm management

Under current economic conditions, Prasad suggested farmers evaluate their management strategies and focus on tactics that maximize farm profitability. For instance, continuing to soil test provides a baseline for nutrients needed while helping farmers avoid adding unnecessary fertilizers.

In contrast, many farmers follow fertilization plans that build up excess nutrients in the soil. This year, instead, farmers should closely adhere to recommended rates from Alabama Extension and Auburn University professionals.

"In a year characterized by geopolitical instability and high fertilizer prices, it is wise to reassess this and other strategies used to see where costs can be saved," Prasad said. "Operating at a loss is not a viable option. Profitability will increasingly depend on farmers making sound decisions rather than aggressively using inputs."

Prasad and Sawadgo provide more in-depth information on this topic in the Extension Brief, "Strategies for Managing High Fertilizer Costs." Farmers can find this resource on the Alabama Extension website at aces.edu.

For more assistance, farmers can contact the agronomic crops or farm and agribusiness management Extension agent in their areas.

Monitor air quality with AirScope app

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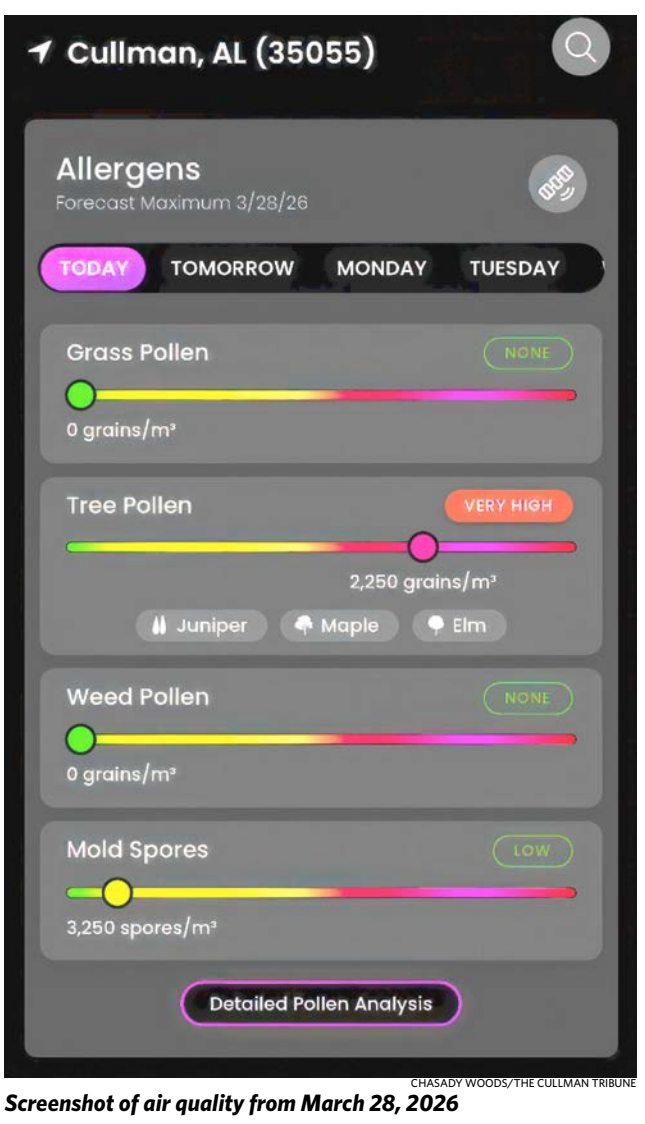
There is a free mobile app called AirScope that is available on IOS and Android. The app provides the user with insight on pollen levels and air quality. If you suffer from allergies and never know what to expect, AirScope shows you air quality, pollution data, daily pollen counts and weather within its five-day forecasts.

As I am writing this on March 28, 2026, it advises me that there is a "Red Flag Warning." This was issued today at 8:13 a.m. until 7 p.m. Central Standard Time by US National Weather Service Huntsville Alabama. It gives the areas affected, wind speed, humidity and more.

The pollen levels show that grass and weed pollen are at 0 grains per cubic meter. Though tree pollen is 2,250 grains per cubic meter and mold spores are 3,250 grains.

If you click on the level itself it shows a description of the source and what symptoms are shown from exposure to it. For mold spores It advises that they peak throughout warmer months since humidity is where they thrive.

"Originating from fungi and found both indoors and outdoors, mold spores thrive in damn, humid environments like bathrooms, basements and piles of fallen leaves."



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Screenshot of air quality from March 28, 2026

Mold spores can cause sneezing, coughing, wheezing and a runny nose just as tree pollen can.

Today tree pollen is ranked at "very high," mainly coming from juniper, maple and elm trees.

This can aid individuals with respiratory conditions or anyone interested in understanding air quality. There is also a daily log for individuals to make note of their symptoms to potentially uncover health symptoms that are triggered by certain environmental causes.

Visit https://airscope.app for more information.

Boil (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County Young Professionals hosted their popular Crawfish Boil at Hank's Sports Bar & Rumors Deli Friday, March 27, featuring great food and fundraising.

The Crawfish Boil is one of the group's largest annual fundraisers, supporting United Way's 18 partner agencies serving Cullman and Winston counties.

Resource Development & Outreach Manager Taylor Johnson said the boil has long been a staple of the Young Professionals' efforts to give back locally.

"This is our largest fundraising event that our Young Professionals put on," she said.

"We do other events throughout the year, but this is their way of giving back to the 18 partner agencies in our community."

Proceeds from ticket sales remain in the local area, directly benefiting agencies that focus on health, financial stability, basic services and building a healthy community.

While many United Way organizations have administrative fees, local board members cover those costs to ensure donations from the event stay in Cullman and Winston counties.

"Every dollar that goes into this event stays right here at home," Johnson said.

This was the first year the event took place at Hank's, a longtime sponsor of the fundraiser.

Beyond attending events, community members can get involved with the Young Professionals group through volunteer opportunities and service-based scholarship programs. Those interested in participating can contact United Way at 256-739-2948 for more information.

Therapeutic Recreation Summer Swim Days at May 24-July 26 at CWAC, WildWater

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) will host Summer Swim Days May 24-July 26 at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center (CWAC) and WildWater Cullman for participants in the Therapeutic Recreation Program.

Swim days are meant to give back to Therapeutic Recreation participants by offering chances for recreation and family time. Organizers say the program helps participants enjoy quality time with their families and use CPRST facilities in a welcoming, inclusive setting. Besides the social benefits, the program also offers therapeutic and recreational value. Participants can exercise, play and spend time with friends while enjoying all the amenities. Officials say combining physical activity with social time is key to the experience.

CWAC and WildWater Cullman will welcome Therapeutic Recreation participants at no cost. On swim days, participants will have full access to attractions, including swimming pools, special features and the new Paradise Lazy River.

CPRST officials said they hope all participants in the Therapeutic Recreation Program can attend at least one swim day this summer. To join, participants must register at www.CullmanRecreation.org so organizers can compile a list of swimmers.

To participate and receive promotional offers, participants must register by May 20. Admission is free for participants, while parents and additional guests may purchase discounted tickets at WildWater after checking in at the front gate. There is no cost associated with swim days at the CWAC indoor pool for participants.

Ollie's (from Front)

location adds to continued retail growth along the U.S. Highway 31 corridor and bringing another national brand into the local shopping mix.

The grand opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 23.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, April 1 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, April 3 – 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.
• Saturday, April 4 – 1-3 p.m. Community Easter Celebration
• Sunday, April 5 – 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.
• In April we continue the Poetry Contest! Please look at Facebook for contest details. We thank the Hanceville community for their book donations in helping us raise money for the children's programs. We also thank Jennifer and Tonya, owners of Southern Party Specialists LLC, for the $300 donation for a June presenter! We thank HanceVegas Coffee for sponsoring the Adult Book Club. We also thank the many library volunteers who help service the community.
• April 1, 10 a.m. Storytime led by Angelyn Riggs
• April 8, 10 a.m. Storytime led by author Telina Bates "It's Just ADAD, Don't Judge Me" target age 7-10
• April 14, 11 a.m. Spanish class with Mrs. Alejandra Pena (She makes it fun with games!)
• April 15, 10 a.m. Storytime led by Rachel McFarland
• April 18, 10 a.m. Adult Book Club with Jennifer and Beth
• April 22, 10 a.m. Story time led by Cassy Holeyfield
• April 24, 6 p.m. Poetry Contest deadline and POETRY NIGHT
• April 28, 11 a.m. Spanish Class with Mrs. Alejandra Pena
• April 29, 10 a.m. Storytime and Children's Book club led by Briana Taylor
• May 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Grilled Cheese Festival and Library BOOK SALE
• May 27, Start of Summer program!

Fairview Lions Club Annual Spring Fling and Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show
Saturday, April 4, at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will have a car show, vendors, games, music, bouncy houses. Registration is $20 and will begin at 8 a.m. with awards to be given out at 1 p.m. Vendor spots are $20, payable the day of the event. Must be set up by 9 a.m. Food vendors are encouraged to join us; spots are $50. For more info, please contact Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

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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PREP BASEBALL

Fairview's offense explosive as they down Cold Springs 13-0, move on to the Cullman Co. Tournament championship

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — In the first semifinal matchup of the Cullman County Baseball Tournament on Saturday, the Fairview Aggies, who got a first-round bye, took on the Cold Springs Eagles. The Aggies got out to a hot start, and added to their lead every time they played offense, winning a 13-0 blowout that ended after the fifth inning.

Starting the game on the mound for Fairview was Collin Nelson, who pitched a stellar 5.0 innings, allowing only three hits, zero runs and striking out four Eagle batters. For Cold Springs, Cooper Johnson started the match and pitched only two innings, with nine runs coming in (four of them were earned) and fanning two Aggies.

The tone was set early by Fairview. After a three up, three down inning by Nelson on the mound, the offense got a quick jolt from Conner Scott in the form of a single, then Collin Nelson made it on with a walk. In the next at bat, Camden Cullen drove both of them home with a double to left field. Cullen would eventually score, too, on a sac bunt by Jaxson Robertson. Finishing out the scoring for the first inning, Konnor Dunkin made it to first safely thanks to an error that also allowed Hunter Barron to score from third after getting on with a single earlier in the inning. Just like that, the Aggies led 4-0.

The Eagles struggled to get anything going against Nelson again in the top of the second, but got one of their three hits on the day from Chasteen, who got a ball to drop in right field for a single. Nelson would shut the inning out with a strikeout on the next batter, setting the stage for the Aggies to keep their offense rolling. Johnson looked to be finding some rhythm on the mound for Cold Springs, striking out Fairview's leadoff batter and drawing a ground out on the next. With two outs, however, Conner Scott sent one to deep center field and rounded the bases for a triple, then scored on the next play on an error that allowed Nelson to reach safely. Cullen then stepped up and, just like in the first inning, hit a double to score Nelson. One more two-out run would come in on an errant throw after a fly ball by Barron got down, allowing Cullen to score and the Aggies to make it a 7-0 hole.

In the bottom of the third, Fairview's Robertson led off with a triple after a one-two-three inning from Cold Springs, then made it home with an error on the next play. The Aggies' landslide of scoring continued, with two more runs getting home in the third to make it 10-0, then added three more in the borrow of the fourth to make it a 13-0 shutout win for Fairview.



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Fairview's Tanner Isbell (right) and Conner Scott (left) celebrating after a run

Leading the Aggies at the plate was Cullen, who finished the game 2-3 with two doubles that drove in three total runs. Not far behind him was Scott, who also went 2-3 including his triple in the second inning.

With the win, Fairview secured a spot in the Cullman County Baseball Tournament championship today at 4 p.m., where they'll play the winner of Good Hope vs. West Point.

PREP BASEBALL

Good Hope wins in dominant fashion, taking West Point down 23-6 to move on to County Tournament championship

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — One spot in the county championship game was already filled by Fairview by virtue of a shutout win over Cold Springs to start out the final day of the tournament. The other semifinal game featured (2) West Point and (3) Good Hope, and what started out as a pitcher's duel through two innings quickly turned into an offensive explosion by Good Hope, as a pair of big innings helped propel them to a 23-6 rout of West Point to clinch the final spot in the title game. Below is how each team scored their respective runs.

Bottom of first inning: (WP) Titan Thornton solo home run

Top of third inning: (GH) Myles Johnson scored on an error. Nash Landon RBI single. Micah Rickel RBI double. Parker Johnson RBI single. Colbi Kilpatrick RBI single. Kayden Collins sacrifice fly. Kane Anderson scored on an error. Carter Rutherford grand slam.

Bottom of the third inning: (WP) Charlie Ashley RBI double

Top of the fourth inning: (GH) Kane Anderson scored on an error. Kilpatrick scored on a balk.

Bottom of the fourth inning: (WP) Thornton two-run single. Dathan Cleghorn two-run double.

Top of the fifth inning: (GH) Anderson RBI single. Kilpatrick RBI single. Parker Johnson and Anderson both scored on an error. Myles Johnson three-run home run. Landon two-run double and later scored on an error.

Final: Good Hope 23 – West Point 6

Good Hope's top performers: Rutherford (2 hits, including a grand slam, four RBIs), Landon (three hits, three RBIs), Myles Johnson (two hits, including a three-run home run, three RBIs)

West Point's top performers: Thornton (two hits, including a home run, three RBIs) and Cleghorn (one hit, two RBIs)



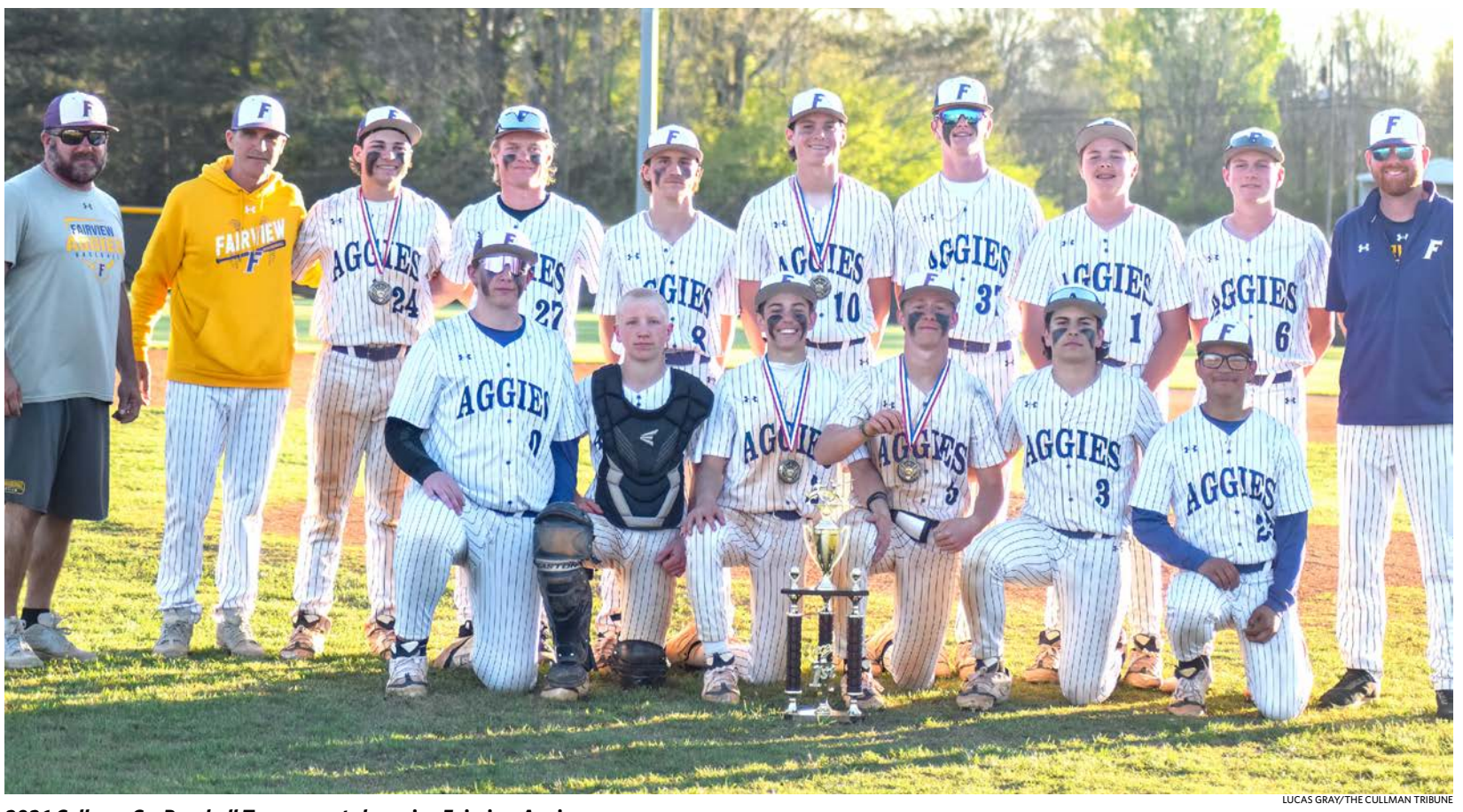
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Good Hope's Blake Cordes

PREP BASEBALL

Fairview secures second straight Cullman County Tournament title with 8-5 win over Good Hope

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2026 Cullman Co. Baseball Tournament champion Fairview Aggies

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — On Saturday afternoon at Hanceville High, defending County Tournament champion Fairview met with Good Hope in the title game. It promised to be an exciting one, with both teams winning in blowout fashion in their semifinal matchups.

The Aggies jumped out to a strong lead and held onto it for the majority of the game, but right at the end, Good Hope found some momentum. Camden Cullen, eventual Tournament MVP, shut the door on the comeback attempt, sealing the Aggies' second straight County Tournament title with an 8-5 win over the Raiders.

"That was a good win-well, two really good wins. I thought we came out ready to play. We were kind of in a tough situation, we had a big area series with Arab on Tuesday and Thursday that burnt two of our starters," Fairview coach Nick Dumas said. He continued, "We were thin on pitching, so we really needed the kids to swing the bats well and I thought we did that. Super proud of the guys. That's our second one in a row, and I think it'll springboard us through the rest of our games."

Starting the game on the mound for the Aggies was Hunter Barron, who would be replaced by Cullen after two solid innings. Cullen, who earned the win, pitched five innings, allowing two hits and two earned runs but fanning six Raider batters. For the Raiders, Colbi Kilpatrick made the start, going for 1.2 innings and giving up five runs before being pulled.

Carrying over their scoring momentum from their blowout semifinal win, Good Hope struck first in the first frame. Barron gave up a walk to Carter Rutherford in the leadoff spot, who then stole second and advanced to third on an error. Two batters later, Micah Rickel knocked him in with a sac fly, giving the Raiders a swift 1-0 lead. Just as swift as they got it, however, they lost it in the bottom of the frame. Conner Scott got on base and made his way to third by way of a bunt and a dropped pop fly from Cullen. Neither had to wait long to touch home, as the next batter, Jaxson Robertson, cleared the bases with a double to put the Aggies up. Before the frame was over, Robertson would come home on a ground out, giving Fairview a 3-1 lead after one.

Barron struck out two Raider batters in the top of the second, but gave up a pair of walks before getting out of the jam with a pick at third base.

In their half of the inning, the Aggies added to their lead in a big way. The first three batters got on base safely by way of a single, a walk and a hit-by-pitch to load the bases up, to the eventual delight of Cullen, who sent one home with a single to center field. A sac fly from Robertson sent home another, and a single from Lincoln Wright furthered the damage, allowing two more Aggie runners to make it home. In just minutes, the lead had grown to 7-1 for Fairview.

Good Hope, determined not to let things get too out of hand, put a point on the board in the top of the third. Parker Johnson grounded into a fielder's choice that allowed Landon to score after an errant throw, making it a 7-2 deficit.

An inning later, in the bottom of the fourth, a fielder's choice from Wright allowed Nelson to touch home to extend Fairview's lead to six again, with the score 8-2.

After a scoreless fifth from both teams, Good Hope found life in the sixth. Leading the inning off, Kayden Collins made it on after being hit by a pitch, then advanced to third through the next two at bats, which both ended with outs. With two outs on the board in desperation time, however, a walk got Rutherford on, and a single from Landon deep into the outfield emptied the bases to make it an 8-4 hole. With Rickel at the plate, he hit what should've been a fly out to deep center field that was dropped, allowing Landon to score and make it 8-5.

Sadly for the Raiders, their rally would end there, with a fly out ending the sixth and Cullen eventually shutting the door on any comeback attempts, sealing the Aggies' 8-5 win.

2026 ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Brandon Chasteen, Cold Springs
- Lindan Hill, Cold Springs
- Camden Cullen, Fairview (TOURNAMENT MVP)
- Jaxson Robertson, Fairview
- Conner Scott, Fairview
- Collin Nelson, Fairview
- Carter Rutherford, Good Hope
- Nash Landon, Good Hope
- Christian Whatley, Hanceville
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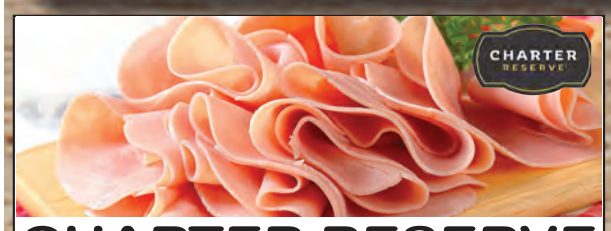








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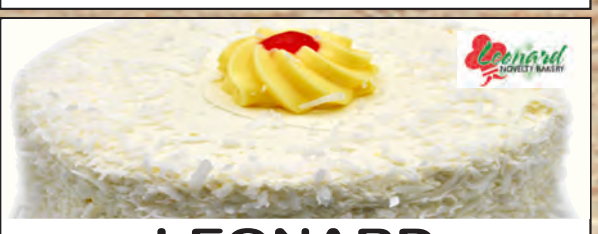
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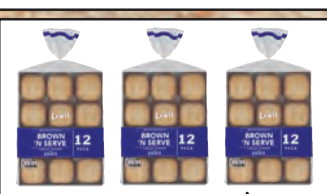
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Gala (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce marked a year of progress, teamwork and impact at its 83rd Annual Meeting & Gala on Thursday, March 26, at Stone Bridge Farms.

Chamber President Joey Orr began the evening by noting that Cullman stands out at both the state and national levels, pointing to successes in economic development, education, health care, agriculture and tourism. She stressed that working together is key to the community's success.

"Cullman is a very, very unique place," Orr said. "When one of us succeeds, we all succeed."

She also recognized several local achievements, including recognition for Wallace State Community College, strong results from both city and county school systems, ongoing national honors for Cullman Regional Medical Center and tourism growth driven by events and Smith Lake, as well as individuals who have shaped our community.

Tim Scott received the Lucille Galin Public Service Award posthumously, with his family accepting the honor and speakers remembering his history of service.

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."

Jennifer Ray received the Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award, one of the Chamber's top honors. Presenters described Ray as a dedicated leader whose behind-the-scenes efforts have helped secure funding and support for projects across Cullman County.

Stephanie Nelson was named Ambassador of the Year, with Chamber officials recognizing her steady support for fellow members, regular attendance at events and service in several community groups.

Dental Arts was recognized as Small Business of the Year for its 45 years of service to Cullman and ongoing support for local causes.

To wrap up the evening, the Chamber recognized its Small Business of the Month winners from the 2025-2026 cycle and highlighted that the city of Cullman's continued success in every aspect stems from the community's dedication to serving others.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Left to right are Rex Sorrow (CCSO), Adam Clark (CPD), Chief Joey Duncan (CPD), Chad Whaley (CCSO), Joey Collier (CCSO) and Brandon Patterson (CPD).

Hunt (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Aging held its annual Senior Easter Egg Hunt at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on March 26, welcoming area seniors, along with law enforcement officers from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Police Department.

Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said these kinds of events are something they look forward to all year long, and the Easter Egg Hunt is truly one of the best.

"Not only does it bring together citizens from all across Cullman County, but it also serves as a meaningful reminder of the true reason for the Easter season," Lawson said. "The continued collaboration between the Commission on Aging and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office is a true blessing and a shining example of what sets Cullman County apart.

"We are proud to be part of a community that values connection, tradition and service to one another."

Sheriff Matt Gentry said the Cullman County Sheriff's Office was honored to be part of a very special Easter Egg Hunt.

"Alongside the Cullman Police Department, county commissioners, elected officials and members of the sheriff's office, we joined the Cullman County Commission on Aging for their annual egg hunt at the Cullman County Ag Center," Gentry said.

"Events like these — bringing families, neighbors and public servants together — are what make Cullman County such a special place to call home.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with our community and be a part of moments like this. Thank you to everyone who helped make today such a great success."

Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan said it is always enjoyable and fulfilling to take part in community events, especially for local seniors.

"We truly enjoy time with our partners at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the officials at the Commission on Aging," Duncan said.

"The Senior Easter Egg Hunt at the Ag Center is a great event each year. A huge thanks to Director Stephanie Lawson and her team for putting on a wonderful event."



Redemption Church Easter Egg Hunt

Redemption Church held its Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 28, 2026. The family friendly event also featured games, face painting, inflatables, raffles and plenty of food.



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Spring thrift display ideas

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Spring is here, and with the warm weather and spring blooms comes the urge to redecorate! Before you take everything from last season to the trash can – reconsider the opportunity. I know craft and more stores promise a "new" opportunity, but know your decorations don't always have to be what is labeled as the next best thing.

Take this dining table setup for example. The main attraction is the bouquet. It allows the pop of color that can work for both fall and spring. While it is bright, the cream tablecloth and oak chairs give it structure. The bouquet was given to me by my husband on our wedding day and I have kept it for a display.

This allows for more of an emotional connection that I wouldn't have had for something I bought for myself. The basket takes it away from the traditional style and gives opportunity for a more rustic look.

The metal basket was actually given to us with household items inside such as soaps and other daily essentials.

While there wasn't space to keep the basket with those items in their designated areas, it allowed great balance on our table.

So now we have several elements in one spot: wood, metal, floral and cotton.

The only items on the table bought new are the candles and the "W."

The placemats, tablecloth, dining table and plate were all thrifted. The things I thrifted were all a part of a general image and the gift items helped tie them together. The easiest way to decorate is by combining the things you like and are special to you!

While retail stores offer what is trending, those items will likely end up in the thrift store within a handful of months by someone who follows them. If you're patient – you will find them! This spring, try to use the items you already have and adore.



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Dining table centerpiece

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

TRAVIS DEWAYNE POWE, CASE NO PC 2024-267

Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: CAMERON SLADE FOX AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition of Administration for Final Settlement filed by Damion Ethan Kane Powe, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Annette Irons Parker has been scheduled for the **25th day of June, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 27th 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 is said newspaper and send Proof of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Annette Irons Parker
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
HIRAM J. BROWN, JR.,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2026-137

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Hiram J. Brown, Jr., Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Patty B. Hutchens
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, AL 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LOWELL EUGENE HALL,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2026-045

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Patrick Hall
Personal Representative

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:
J.L.S.
D.O.B. 1/3/2013

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CASE NO: PC 2025-316

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

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

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

DONE THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2026.

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

Pro Se

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

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

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

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

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

Done this the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * RICHARD CHARLES LINLEY, * CASE NO.: PC 2026-084
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CHARLES JOSEPH LINLEY, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of RICHARD CHARLES LINLEY, deceased, on the 27th 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.

Charles Joseph Linley
Personal Representatives

Richard L. Collins
Attorney for the Estate
PO Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

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

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

Done this the 12th day of March, 2026.

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

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

Ad #1
Notice of sale under self-storage lien
Tenant: Robert Goforth 52b county road 1579 Cullman AL 35058
Storage Facility: 4 Way Mini Storage, 14045 AL HWY 69 North Baileyton, AL 35019.
Unit # B-21
Contents: Miscellaneous household items
Sale Date: 04/11/26
Sale Location: Storageauctions.com
Terms: Public online auction
This property is being sold to satisfy the operator's lien for unpaid rent and related charges pursuant to Alabama code 8-15-34. The sale will not occur sooner than 15 days after first notice.

Ad #2
Notice of sale under self-storage lien
Tenant: Samantha Smith 1600 county road 1693 Holly Pond Alabama 35083
Storage Facility: 4 Way Mini Storage, 14045 AL HWY 69 N Baileyton, AL 35019.
Unit # B-04
Contents: Miscellaneous household items
Sale Date: 04/11/26
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Terms: Public online auction
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KYLE BYNO ABSHER, * CASE NO PC 2025-433
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
AMENDMENT TO PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

TO: TIMOTHY KYLE ABSHER, ASHLEY LEIGH ABSHER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will, filed by Iva Absher Thomas, Petitioner and *Amendment to Petition to Probate Will* filed by G. Edward Coey, Attorney, has been scheduled for the **25th day of June, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 26th day of March, 2026.

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

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G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
SUSAN CLUXTON RIX, * CASE NO.: PC2026-081
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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Robert Cluxton, as Personal Representative of the Estate of SUSAN CLUXTON RIX, deceased, on the 23rd day of March, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Robert Cluxton
Personal Representative

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

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 23 day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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Letter to new moms

Chasady Woods
chasady@cullmantribune.com

One of the most complex things you can do for yourself when becoming a parent is allow yourself to grieve who you were. This has been crucial for me to accept, but it isn't always easy. I'm so thankful to have other new moms around me I can talk about these things with.

It began when I was healing from birth and couldn't be as productive as I once was. The house wasn't as clean as quickly as I would like. I had to take it slow. I found myself feeling less than because of this. I used to clean an entire house, baseboards and all, within two hours or less – before. Then I could only clean in small bursts. I had to respect that life would go a little slower for a while.

I had to be thankful for that. I've learned to be thankful, but I also had to grieve it in small, silent ways so as to not become bitter.

I had to tell myself that these feelings do not make me a bad parent. That was a tough pill to swallow! I had taken the step to acknowledge my emotions, respect them and then move on. I didn't dwell longer than needed. I gave them their space to run their course, saw them, heard them for what they were and went back to business.

It is OK that you have to take your time. You are raising a human and that is beyond enough! You are allowed to miss who you were, while being everlastingly grateful for what you have become. It is normal and nothing to be ashamed of.

The best advice I can give is to find the people around you who understand what you are going through. Network with new moms and find your circle! The village you choose for yourself makes it all worthwhile.

Overall, don't forget that you are doing a wonderful job!

Obituary Announcements: March 28-30

Betty Zane Thomason, 95

Funeral Service for Betty Zane Thomason, age 95 of Vinemont, were 11 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Friendship Baptist Church with Tim McCormick officiating; burial at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation was 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 and Taylor Campbell, Kacey and 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 was held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on March 27, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. Tommy lied 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 followed 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 was held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue 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 Ann Crider, 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 were held at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama, Sunday, March 29. Visitation began at 1:30 p.m., and the funeral service followed at 3 p.m. A graveside ceremony and interment followed 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 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 Mossservice Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue 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, Stepbrother's 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.

Jeanette Evelyn Holcomb, 90

Jeanette Evelyn Holcomb, 90 of Baileyton, Alabama, was born Nov. 3, 1935, in Cullman County, Alabama, and passed away March 27, 2026. Jeanette will be remembered as a devoted, faithful, talented, and spirited woman whose life reflected steady love for family, quiet strength, and enduring grace. Jeanette was saved and joined Welcome Baptist Church in September 1957, a commitment that remained a meaningful part of her life. She also found joy in the simple, steady pursuits she loved—an avid softball player and an excellent pitcher, she played most of her life, especially between the ages of 30 and her 50s. Jeanette was also an amazing seamstress, known for her skillful hands and the care she stitched into all she made. Jeanette was preceded in death by her father, Leonard W. Hall; her mother, Lura Evelyn Mardis Hall; her daughters, Sharon Holcomb and Kathy Holcomb Haney; her grandson, Jared Black; her granddaughter, Josey Johnson; and two sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Guy Holcomb; her beloved daughters, Karon Warren (Kenny) and Katrina Addison (Brian); her grandchildren, Jayme Guthrie (David), Jessica Johnson, Jenna Burgess (Michael), Kandace Braswell, Adam Black (Meagan), Austin Addison (Josie), and Garrett Addison; and her great-grandchildren, Kaden Boatright (Damian), Zaylie Guthrie, Makayla Cooper, Liam Flannigan, Jayden Burgess, Jazlynn Burgess, Weston Harden, RJ Braswell, Cole Englund, Carter Black, Layne Duke, Evan Watson, Natalie Watson and Branson Addison. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home, Cullman, Alabama, on March 31, 2026, from 6-8 p.m. A Celebration of Life Funeral will be held at Welcome Baptist Church, 3017 County Road 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019, on April 1, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

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