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Foundry Ministries to expand Cullman County program with $1M ARC grant

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A $1 million federal grant will support expansion efforts at The Foundry Farm in Cullman County, with plans underway to construct a new multipurpose facility aimed at workforce training and addiction recovery services.

The funding, awarded through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), will go to Foundry Ministries for the development of an 11,400-square-foot building at the organization's Cullman County site.

According to project details, the new facility will include classroom and office space designed to support employment readiness programs, including culinary training.

Organizers said the program is intended to help participants gain skills needed to fill available jobs in the local workforce.

The project will also include site preparation, demolition, foundation work and structural construction.

Officials said the expanded facility is expected to serve approximately 30 additional participants during its first year of operation.

The Foundry Farm combines agricultural work, workforce development and addiction recovery programming, offering individuals an opportunity to rebuild stability while gaining job skills.

The $1 million grant will be matched by an additional $1 million in local funding, bringing the total investment in the project to $2 million.

U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt,R-Alabama, said the investment supports both workforce development and recovery efforts in the region.

"This investment will

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Bunnies & Buttons Baby Co., featuring 4D ultrasound, opens in Cullman



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Bunnies & Buttons Baby Co. Owner and Sonographer Allyson Allen and her pup, Birdie, pose for a photo.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Bunnies & Buttons Baby Co., a baby boutique featuring 4D ultrasounds, baby clothes and maternity and baby items, recently opened in Cullman.

Owner and Sonographer Allyson Allen graduated from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Wallace State Community College and is certified in Abdomen and Obstetrics & Gynecology through the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS). She said she's excited about building relationships in the community.

"I am truly looking forward to getting to build a relationship with the patient while they are going through one of the most important times in their life," she said. "We are so happy to provide 4D ultrasounds by appointment and an enjoyable shopping experience."

Bunnies & Buttons is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. It's closed Sunday-Monday.

Allen will be selling baby clothes, accessories and other baby items, as well as maternity clothes and accessories. You can book ultrasounds online and check out the online store at www.bunniesandbuttons.com.

The Allens are expecting their own baby boy, Jacob Tate, Aug. 24, 2026.

Bunnies & Buttons is located at 1654-B Third St. SE, Cullman. Find it on Facebook at Facebook/Bunnies & Buttons Baby Co.

'I hope they feel the love of God'

New Cullman First Baptist Church sanctuary moving toward completion



PAUL LEVERING

Part of the Cullman First Baptist Church steeple is suspended in the air on March 31, 2026.

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Dr. Stewart Tankersley launches campaign for lieutenant governor of Alabama



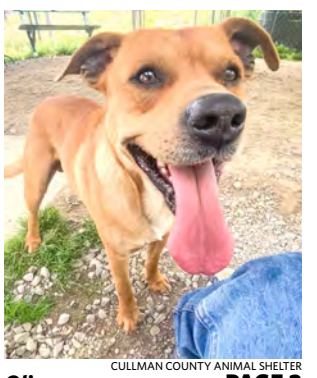
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PET OF THE WEEK

Oliver ready to dance his way into your heart



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 1

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 1, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 30

- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $529; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-1st degree; person; '14 Toyota Camry; $2,500; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $375; Main Ave. SW

March 31

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

March 30-31

Freeman, Joshua J.; 41

- assault-2nd degree

Hudson-Shadix, Dominique I.; 29

- assault-2nd degree

Jackson, Clark A.; 37

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Monfort, Clayton A.; 27

- retail theft of property-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Oliver (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Some dogs don't just walk into your life, they arrive with a rhythm all their own. Oliver, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, is a Chihuahua and terrier mix estimated to be around 2 years old.

He's the kind of companion who makes his presence known in the most endearing way. When it's time to go outside, Oliver doesn't just wait by the door. He tippy taps. A small, joyful dance with his front feet that feels less like routine and more like celebration. It's a simple thing, but it says everything about who he is.

He's attentive in a way that's hard to teach. Oliver will walk up, look directly into your eyes and hold that gaze just long enough to remind you he knows exactly what he's doing. It's not demanding or anxious – just a quiet check-in from a dog who understands connection.

Physically, he carries a charm that is difficult to ignore. There's something about his features that feels almost animated, like a cartoon character brought to life.

All of it comes together to make him an ideal candidate for a companion or therapy dog, the kind that doesn't just exist in your home but actively improves the way it feels.

Oliver's adoption fee is $130, which covers neutering, age-appropriate vaccinations, rabies vaccination, microchipping and basic veterinary care.

Visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Oliver finds his home before you meet him, know that there are many more dogs just like him, each with its own personality, waiting for someone to notice them.

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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
• 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 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.

Grant (from Front)

local workforce has the skills and people needed to fill jobs while supporting those looking to rebuild their lives," Aderholt said.

"Not only is this creating long-term prosperity, economic and workforce development across the region, but it is helping change the future of those who struggle with addiction," he said.

ARC is a partnership between the federal government and 13 states focused on economic development and growth across the Appalachian region.

The Foundry Farm is located at 575 County Road 1676 Cullman, AL 35058. Find out more at foundryministries.com/life-change-programs/the-foundry-farm.

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From the northern right of way boundary of County Road 260 at the intersection of County Roads 260 and County Road 270, located in Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, thence go northerly along the existing centerline of County Road 270 approximately 1100 feet to a point on said centerline, being the point of beginning. Thence, from the point of beginning, continue north easterly along existing centerline of County Road 270 approximately 650 feet to the point of ending of the existing County Road 270. Said road vacation to include all right of way, left and right of the above-described centerline from the point of beginning to point of ending. Which abutting property owners wish to vacate and abandon.

Cullman County Commission

Jeff Clemons, Chairman

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

WJC

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

DONE this 10th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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PREP BASEBALL

Bulldog bats get hot; Lake impressive as Addison takes down Dora, 12-2

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DORA, Ala. — Looking to bounce back from a tough 13-11 loss to Hubbertville last Saturday, the Addison Bulldogs traveled to Dora to take on another team of Bulldogs. After a competitive first inning, Addison had completely taken control of the game by the third inning, running away with a 12-2 win.

Taking the mound for Addison was Kiah Lake, who finished his strong five-inning outing with just four hits and two earned runs while striking out five batters. Dora's starter, Mason Winkler, was pulled in the first inning after allowing loaded bases and an Addison run.

Addison broke the ice just batters into the game. Canaan Speegle smacked a leadoff double, advanced to third on a wild pitch, then made it home safely on a passed ball. On the next at bat, Ben Bridges walked, and with loaded bases, another ball got past Dora's catcher allowing Tucker Thompson to make it home. After Addison put a pair of points on the board, Dora's Gage Hogland ripped a ball over the right field wall to make it a 2-1 Addison lead at the end of one.

In the top of the second, Addison's Bulldogs added to their lead. Preuitt Woods lined one to center for a single, then Conner Lane drove him home after a pop and ground out. Just moments later, Stone Talley got on with a single, then the bases were cleared after a missed play at first on a grounder from Jaxson Williams. After making it 5-1, Lake threw a nine-pitch inning, striking out two and drawing a pop-out.

Dora's hopes of slowing down the Addison offense were put to rest in the top of the third. Lake and Ben Bridges made it on, then Woods cleared the bases with a hard-hit ball to the outfield. Just moments later, after Speegle kept things going with a double, Thompson cleared the bases with a ground ball that made it to the outfield. The same thing would happen one more time before the end of the inning. Talley brought two more Bulldogs home to make it an 11-1 Addison lead, reinforced by another one-two-three inning from Lake on defense.

In the bottom of the fourth, Dora finally found home plate again. Soon after, Lane got on for Addison in the leadoff spot in the fifth on a dropped third strike. During the next at bat, Lane stole second and third, eventually being driven home by a Talley sac fly to stretch the lead back to ten, ending the 12-2 Addison win after the fifth inning.

Leading Addison at the plate, Speegle recorded two doubles in his 2-4 performance. Talley ended the day leading in runs batted in, sending three runners home while going 2-2. Thompson also had an impressive day, going 1-3 with two RBIs and scoring two runs himself.

The Bulldogs return to action tomorrow in a home game against Belgreen at 4:30 p.m.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison's Kiah Lake

PREP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Scores and stats from March 31

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BASEBALL

• Addison 9, Belgreen 1 – Batting: S. Talley 3-4 (HR), 4 RBI Pitching: T. Thompson 7.0 IP, 1 ER, 9 K, W

• Cullman 6, Clarksville 4 – Batting: C. Stancil 1-1 (HR), 3 RBI Pitching: M. Shadeck 7.0 IP, 4 ER, 6 K, W

• Fairview 11, Sale Creek 5 – Batting: C. Cullen 2-3 (2B), 4 RBI Pitching: T. Isbell 5.1 IP, 2 ER, 4 K, W

• Good Hope 8, Stone Memorial 5 – Batting: N. Landon 2-3, 3 RBI Pitching: C. Rutherford 3.1 IP, 0 ER, 3 K

• Athens Bible 16, Meek 8 – Batting: E. Miles 2-3 (3B), 2 RBI Pitching: T. Thomas 2.0 IP, 7 R, 0 ER, 1 K

SOFTBALL

• Lynn 13, Addison 3 – Batting: A.B. Powell 2-3 (3B), 1 RBI Pitching: M. Carter 4.2 IP, 2 ER, 4 K

• Cullman 12, Mountain Brook 5 – Batting: S. Johnson 3-5 (2B), 2 RBI Pitching: D. Bates 3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, 3 K, W

Auburn plays Illinois State Thursday in NIT semifinals at Hinkle Fieldhouse

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

INDIANAPOLIS — After winning three National Invitation Tournament games in nine days, Auburn appreciates the eight-day layoff between the NIT quarterfinals and Thursday's semifinal against Illinois State in Indianapolis.

"It's good to still be playing basketball," said Auburn coach Steven Pearl, whose team flew to Indiana Tuesday after practice. "Excited about the opportunity to go up to Indy and play against another quality opponent on ESPN. A little bit of a wait to get to Thursday night but it's been good for our guys to get their legs back and take a couple days off."

The extra rest came in handy for Auburn's seven-man rotation.

"It's been really beneficial for our guys to have a little time off to get recharged for this last push," Pearl said.

To advance to the NIT semifinals for the first time in program history, the Redbirds beat Kent State at home, then won road games at Wake Forest and Dayton.

The Tigers, meanwhile, knocked off South Alabama, Seattle U and Nevada, all at Neville Arena, to earn their first trip to the NIT semis.

"If you look at the resume of teams playing in the NIT, they by far have the best one, as far as the teams they've beaten," Pearl said. "They have really good pieces and they're playing their best basketball right now."

Illinois State's defense, ranked No. 37 nationally in scoring at 67.9 points per game, will test Auburn's starting five, all of whom are averaging double figures in the NIT.

"They're really good defensively," Pearl said. "They play hard. Try and make things difficult for you. They've very physical. They do a great job of limiting you to one shot."

At 6-9, 280 pounds, left-handed power forward Chase Walker leads the Redbirds in scoring with 13.7 points per game and rebounds with 5.4.

"An absolute handful underneath," Pearl said of Walker, who's shooting 62.9 percent and averaging 15.6 points per game in the NIT. "He's surprisingly quick with his feet. We have to try to match his physicality and his effort. It'll be a challenge, but our guys have gone against really good bigs all year."

In historic Hinkle Fieldhouse, which opened in 1928, Auburn (20-16) tips off against Illinois State (23-12) Thursday at 8:30 p.m. CT on ESPN and the Auburn Sports Network, where Andy Burcham and Randall Dickey will call the action.

"Another great test for our guys," Pearl said. "Really cool that we get to play in Hinkle Fieldhouse. I have a great appreciation for that state and their love for basketball. The place is going to be chaos but I'm really glad that we get to be a part of it. A big game in a great venue on national television."

Five things to know

• Auburn has used the same starting lineup for all three NIT games and all five starters are averaging double figures during this tournament: Kevin Overton (17.0 ppg), Keyshawn Hall (14.7 ppg), Elyjah Freeman (12.6 ppg), Tahaad Pettiford (12.0 ppg), Filip Jovic (10.7 ppg).

• Sophomore Tahaad Pettiford is 11 points away from becoming the 41st player in program history to join Auburn's 1,000-point club. Pettiford is averaging 15.3 points per game and has scored 549 total points this season.

• In their last two games against Seattle and Nevada, the Tigers have played with the lead for 74:41 out of 80 minutes.

• Filip Jovic was 9-of-12 for 18 points and had nine rebounds against Nevada. It was his second highest output of the season (23 vs. South Carolina) and Jovic is now shooting 61.9 percent in the NIT (13-of-21) and 63.6 percent overall for the season (77-of-121).

• Illinois State defeated Kent State by 21 in the opening round of the NIT, then notched back-to-back Quad 1 road wins at Wake Forest (78-75) and at Dayton (61-55) to advance to the semifinals. The Redbirds boasts the nation's 37th ranked scoring defense, allowing just 67.9 points per game. ISU has held 19 opponents under 70 points this year.





2 music businesses, 1 amazing collaboration

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Press Rewind Vintage Audio and Wilde Vintage are teaming up to create a unique experience for music lovers.

Wilde Vintage Owner JK Wilde said he and his wife Katie have been working at Finders Keepers for nearly a year selling mostly vinyl records and vintage T-shirts.

"Press Rewind Vintage Audio has been open since late January and is ran by Mr. Derrick Laythum," Wilde said. "He has a ton of vintage audio equipment that even the snobbiest of audiophiles will drool over. He sells awesome shirts and posters featuring some of your favorite artists.

He continued, "Press Rewind Vintage Audio has a wide variety of vintage stereo equipment from some of the most reputable brands such as Pioneer, Technics and Marantz. A selection of thousands of vinyl (records) with more hitting the shelves almost every day. They also offer cleaning and maintenance services as well. A few things that really set this store apart is that we have Ultrasonic record cleaners on-site and available for everyone to use. We allow everyone to be able to spin whatever records they would like in-store. We also want to host specialized nights in the future where 'special guests' get to be a DJ for an hour or two."

Wilde said Laythum made it known that while he loves music, his expertise is more rooted in the technical ins and outs of the equipment.

"He had shopped at our booth at Finders Keepers before and bought a few records from me in the past," Wilde said.

"It seemed like a no-brainer for each of us to combine our specialties together so that we can attempt to build a completely well-rounded store that everyone can enjoy. In the coming months we will be slowly moving our stuff from Finders Keepers to Derrick's shop and expanding the space at Press Rewind, taking a hiatus from the Wilde Vintage name to fully focus on helping to make Press Rewind the best store possible."





JK WILDE

Press Rewind Vintage Audio and Wilde Vintage are teaming up to create a unique experience for music lovers.

Press Rewind also offers a vintage video arcade game console with thousands of retro games available for everyone to use, loads of records that will be perfect to start a new collection with prices ranging from $1-$40 and a wall freshly stocked with grails and rare finds ranging from $50-$200.

"Something he offers that you won't find at any other stores around is the ability to take records straight from the shelf and then get them spinning on a table," Wilde said.

"Take a seat. Relax and soak it all in. I hope that this is a place that all music lovers in the Cullman area will soon call home.

"We really want to show our community what it can look like when we collaborate instead of compete and we very much look forward to collaborating with more of the great businesses of Cullman in the future."

Press Rewind Vintage Audio is located at 1821 Eva Road NE, Suite 205, right behind Alamitos. Find it online at www.pressrewindvintageaudio.com or Facebook/Press Rewind Vintage Audio. Call 256-615-1285 or 256-590-9629 with any questions.

Christian Hart Memorial Cornhole Tournament returns for 5th year - April 4

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The fifth annual Christian Hart Memorial Cornhole Tournament will take place Saturday, April 4, in the Vinemont Middle School gym. Registration will begin at noon, with games starting at 1 p.m. The tournament will once again feature both social and competitive divisions.

The social division is $40 per two-person team and will use house bags only, while the competitive division is $50 per team, allowing players to bring their own bags, with the exception of real corn- and powder-filled bags. Both divisions will follow a double-elimination format.

A blind draw option will also be available for $10 per person.

All divisions will feature a 50/50 payout, with half going to players and the other half supporting the Christian Hart Memorial Scholarship Fund for Vinemont High School.

Food will be available throughout the day, including hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and Pepsi products.

The tournament was created in memory of Christian Hart, whose impact on his family, friends and community continues to be felt by the Vinemont community and beyond.

His father, Lynn Shaddix, said the choice to center the fundraiser around cornhole was a personal one.

"For many years, Christian and I would play each other.

"We had boards at home and we would just play for hours," Shaddix said.

"When we started, I'd let him stand halfway between boards and then back him up as he could throw longer."

Shaddix described Christian as someone who brought joy to those around him and never hesitated to help others.

"He never met a stranger," Shaddix said.

"His beautiful blue eyes and huge smile would brighten up any room. He would always help the less fortunate or anyone getting picked on. He would stand up for them."

He added, "Christian was just a joy to be around. Everyone loved him, especially me and his mom Melanie Shaddix."

Now in its fifth year, the event continues to reflect Christian's spirit, raising funds for a scholarship that will be awarded to a deserving student at Vinemont High School.

"Vinemont has been so good to us," Shaddix said. "We can't express it in words."

For more information and updates, follow the official event page at Facebook/5th Annual Christian Hart Memorial Cornhole Tournament. The Vinemont Middle School gym is located at 170 High School Road, Vinemont, Alabama.

Tankersley (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Republican Dr. Stewart Tankersley has launched his campaign for lieutenant governor of Alabama.

Below is his announcement:

Dr. Stewart Tankersley officially launched his campaign for lieutenant governor of Alabama (March 30), kicking off his statewide effort with a prayer breakfast at his home church in Montgomery attended by more than 100 supporters, faith leaders and community members.

Dr. Tankersley showcased his candidacy with a record of service in medicine, the military and public life. He is a fourth-generation physician, colonel in the Alabama Army National Guard and former member of the Alabama Ethics Commission.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, he was one of the leading opponents of prolonged government lockdown policies and mandates, advocating for a balanced approach that protected public health while preserving individual freedoms, small businesses and local communities.

"The symptoms facing Alabama families cannot be ignored. Higher prices. Tighter budgets. Paychecks are stretched thin," said Dr. Tankersley. "Families are working harder just trying to keep up, and too often it feels like government isn't focused on solving those problems."

During his remarks, Dr. Tankersley outlined a campaign centered on affordability, accountability and expanding opportunity across the state.

"Everything costs more right now, and when government grows too large or spends too much, those costs don't disappear. They get passed on to you," Tankersley said. "Government should not be adding to the pressure. It should help relieve it."

Dr. Tankersley also emphasized the need to restore accountability in state government and bring a more disciplined, service-oriented approach to leadership.

"I'm not a career politician. I'm a doctor. I'm a veteran. And I'm someone who has spent his life solving problems and serving others," Tankersley said. "I will approach this job the same way I've approached medicine. Listen carefully, make an honest diagnosis, take action and do no harm."

The campaign will focus on making Alabama more affordable, increasing transparency and accountability in state government, supporting small businesses and expanding opportunity through education and workforce development.

Dr. Tankersley will begin traveling across the state, meeting with voters, local leaders and community organizations.

The campaign can be contacted in the following channels:

- www.StewartTankersley.com
- Facebook.com/DrStewartTankersley
- Instagram.com/DrStewartTankersley
- X.com/TankersleyForLG/
- YouTube.com/@DrStewartTankersley
- Email: Campaign@StewartTankersley.com

Key dates

- Primary Election: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Primary Runoff Election: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

Sanctuary (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Work on the new sanctuary at Cullman First Baptist Church is moving along quickly.

Pastor Tom Richter explained that as more people attend services, the church needs more room for worship.

"It's very, very exciting," Richter said. "As the church grows, there's a need for more space."

The new sanctuary will seat more than 800 people, which is much larger than the current space. Right now, the church holds two Sunday services, one in the sanctuary and another, which is already too full, in the Recreation Outreach Center gym.

When the new building is finished, both services will move there. This will let the church keep growing and allow the gym to be used again for recreation and ministry.

Even with construction underway, Richter said the church's mission has not changed.

"A church is not a building; a church is the people," he said.

"It's not about bricks and mortar. It's about God changing people's lives."



PAUL LEVERING

The steeple from the old sanctuary was moved to the new sanctuary at Cullman First Baptist Church on March 31, 2026.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Workers are seen inside the new sanctuary at Cullman First Baptist Church on April 1, 2026.

A recent milestone in the project was the installation of the sanctuary's steeple, which Richter called "mind-blowing" to see.

He said the new building is meant to serve both church members and the wider community.

"It'd be my desire that as people drive by that building, it gives them a little bit of hope," Richter said.

During construction, members of the congregation wrote words of encouragement, prayers and messages of love on the stage and balcony, leaving a lasting imprint on the new space.

The construction team also feels a personal connection to the project. Paul Levering, who has worked on other church additions, said this sanctuary is much larger and more complex than past projects.

"This is much bigger than what we have built here before," Levering said.

He said he thinks the stained-glass windows and the size of the space will make a big impression when it's finished.

Levering said building a church is especially meaningful to him. "I just love seeing things come together, but especially things to do with the church and things that will point people to God," he said.

As work goes on, Richter said he hopes the new sanctuary will feel welcoming to both longtime members and newcomers.

"I hope they feel love," he said. "I hope they feel the love of God, and I hope they feel the love of other people and that with God they can always find hope."

The sanctuary is expected to be finished by the end of June 2026.

LEGALS

2025 Tax Year Delinquent Parcels

In accordance with Title 40, Chapter 10, Code of Ala. 1975 (§40-10-180 through 200), Cullman County Tax Collecting official has authority to auction and sell tax liens on properties for which ad valorem property taxes are delinquent. For the 2025 delinquent property tax, a tax lien auction will take place via an online tax lien auction service, The Zeus Auction Program, on May 5, 2026, beginning at 10:00. To bid in the Cullman County tax lien auction of 2025 ad valorem property taxes, visit https://www.zeusauction.com and follow the instructions to create a bidder account.

Barry Willingham, Revenue Commissioner for The State of Alabama, Cullman County and Municipalities therein.

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

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

DONE this 10th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to TRACEY HOGELAND, on the 23rd day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

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

To the publisher of *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Larry Smith & Marti Smith,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: DV 2026-900087

Diosa Rivera Romine &
Corey Romine,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

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

Done this the 26th day of February, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

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

The Petition of Holly Wommack Allen to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Frederick Donald Meroff, Jr., deceased, has been set for hearing on the **14th day of May, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

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

Done this the 17th day of March, 2026.

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

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

Nathan Johnson
909 E 2nd St
Sheffield, AL 35660

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Bobby Gene Spears on the 24th day of March, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Bobby Gene Spears
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
RAYMOND W. KENNA JR., * **CASE NO. PC2025-439**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tyler Ray Kenna, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Raymond W. Kenna Jr., deceased, on the 30th 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.

DONE this the 30th day of March, 2026.

Tyler Ray Kenna
Personal Representative

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, AL 35056
(256) 739-1962

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) successive 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 *
RODGER D.E. PITTS, * CASE NO.: PC2026-107
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Rodger Dale Pitts, Jr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of RODGER D.E. PITTS, deceased, on the 24th day of March, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Rodger Dale Pitts, Jr.
Personal Representative

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

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 24th day of March, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

PUBLIC NOTICE/ADVERTISEMENT

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services

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

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

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

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

Estimated Time Period: CY 2026-2029

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jasmine Cole, Mayor | Equal Opportunity Employer

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CATHERINE WILLIAMS DOYLE, * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-416**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* received the 7th day of November, 2025, made court record the 12th day of November, 2025, by Francis James Doyle, II, Petitioner, through Attorney Nancy F. McClellan, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Francis James Doyle, II
Petitioner

Nancy F. McClellan
Attorney for Petitioner
401 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 30th day of March, 2026.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BELINDA A. WALKER,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2021-900230.01**

EDDIE E. WALKER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF CONTEMPT ACTION

Eddie E. Walker, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Belinda Walker's Petition for Contempt by May 26th, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-900230.01 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 24th day of March, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
215 MAIN AV SW
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Lavinia Maddux as Personal Representative of the Estate of Donna E. Maddux, deceased, on the 25th day of March, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Lavinia Maddux
Personal Representative

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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SECTION 001116
INVITATION TO BID

1.1 BID INFORMATION

A. Project: Scott Drive Sewer Extension
B. Owner: City of Good Hope
C. Engineer: Canyon Engineering, LLC

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENT

A. Your firm is invited to submit a sealed Bid for the project listed above. Owner will receive Bids at the Good Hope City Hall, located at 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, Alabama, 35057, until **10:00 AM local time on the 30th day of April 2026**, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids not received by the indicated time will not be opened.

B. Project Description: Construction of approximately 3,500 LF of 8" gravity sewer mains, 24 concrete manholes, one duplex submersible lift station with above ground valves, approximately 2,200 LF of 4" force main, site work, electrical service, and all related items for a complete sewer installation.

C. Owner requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days.

D. Bidding Documents for a Unit Price contract may be obtained from the office of Canyon Engineering, LLC, 1912 Gault Avenue N., Fort Payne, Alabama, 35967. Electronic copies will be a free download to all potential bidders. Paper sets are available upon receipt of a $100.00 non-refundable amount per set.

E. Potential bidders may view the Bid Documents at the office of Canyon Engineering by appointment only.

F. Bidders will be required to provide Bid security according to the requirements in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.

G. Refer to other Bidding requirements as described in Document 002113 - Instructions to Bidders and Document 003100 - Available Project Information.

H. Submit your Bid on the Bid Form provided. Bidders are required to submit the bid form, bid bond, and the E-Verify documents at the time of the bid. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder, the bidder's General Contractor's license number, the project name, and bid date. Bidders are asked not to submit the full contract documents and specifications book at the time of the bid.

I. Bidders must carry the Municipal and Utility construction classification as listed in the roster of the Alabama State Licensing Board for General Contractors to be considered for the award of the project.

J. Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 calendar days after submission.

K. Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to accept or reject any or all Bids.

Obituary Announcements: March 31 - April 1

Gail Bailey Chambers, 72
Gail Bailey Chambers, 72 of Cullman, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2026, at CRMC surrounded by her family. She was born Feb. 3, 1954, to Jefferson 'Jeff' Bailey and Shirley May South Bailey; the oldest of eight children. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, being surrounded by her grandchildren and family, leaving behind a void that can never be filled. Gail was preceded in death by her parents, Jeff and Shirley Bailey; brothers, Bobby Bailey, Mark Bailey and sister, Beverly Thomas; nephews, Eric Bailey, Jerry Twilley, Tyler Bailey. Gail is survived by her husband, Larry Chambers; daughter, Angela Chambers; sons, Rodney Chambers, Cody (Mary) Chambers; grandchildren, Faith (Jordan) Roberts, Larry Jacob King, Michael Chambers, Grace Chambers, Maliah Chambers, Mercy Chambers, Mark Chambers; great-grandchild, Adlene Roberts; sisters, Carolyn Twilley, Diane (Dennis) Dye, Janie Johnson,; 14 nieces and nephews; 36 great nieces and nephews, family and friends. Funeral service was Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Harold C. Allen, 89
Graveside Service for Harold C. Allen, age 89 of Welti Community, Cullman, Alabama, will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Welti Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama, with Bro. Ray Lathem officiating; burial at Welti Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Allen passed away on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing Home. He was born March 29, 1937, to HT Allen and Opal Allen. He was preceded in death by his parents; his twin brother, Darrell (Cheryl) Allen, brothers, Jerry (Joyce) Allen, Lowell Keith Allen and sister, Dean Folds. Survivors include his sons, Craig Allen (LaDonna) and Clark Allen; grandchildren, Spencer, Claire & Callie Allen; sisters, Gwen Parker and Diann (George) Hightower; brother, Dudley Allen and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rodney 'Darin' House, 58
Rodney "Darin" House of Cullman, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2026, at Cullman Regional. He was born May 4, 1967, to Ronald David House, Sr. and Lila House. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald David House, Sr.; son, Jackson Chase House; brothers-in-law, Benji Hill and Jeff Wix and his in-laws, Junior and Bonnie Hill. Survivors include his wife of 40 years married Oct. 6, 1989, Suzann Hill House; daughter, Mandi House Billiot (Joe); son, Hunter House; grandchildren, Kase Billiot, Jax Billiot; sister, Deanna Murphree (Ben); brothers-in-law, Nic Hill and Mark Hill; sister-in-law, Marsha Hill and a host of family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Larry Joseph Williams, 59
Graveside service for Larry Joseph Williams, 59, of Cullman will be at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 6, 2026, at Holly Pond Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Cullman Funeral Home on Monday from 12:30-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Williams passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at CRMC. His interest included rock collecting, fishing, hunting, roller skating when he was younger, working on cars and trucks. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Oscar and Flossie McIntosh, Marie Whittle and M.E. Williams. Survivors include his mother, Sharran (Charles) Gardner; father, Joe (Lorean) Williams; three sons, Drew (Lauren) Williams, Wade Williams, Nathan Williams; sister, Angie (Pat) Weissend; four grandchildren, Avery and Gavin McCay, Noah Minor, Alex Williams; niece, Myranda (Will) Bracket; nephew, A.J. (Alli) Bracket; nephew, A.J. (Alli) Cobb; two great nieces; one great nephew; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Avery McCay, Gavin McCay, A.J. Cobb, Will Bracket, Wade Williams, Drew Williams. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Gerald 'Hobby' Walker, 76
Gerald "Hobby" Walker, born in Haleyville Alabama, Jan. 6, 1950, entered into eternal rest on March 29, 2026, at his residence surrounded by his loving family after a lengthy illness. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Hobby lived a life marked by service, integrity, and unwavering dedication to his community and the people he loved. He was a 1968 graduate of Addison High School with extended education degrees from Wallace State Community College in engineering and the University of Alabama and Faulkner University in Law Enforcement and a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Session 167th in Quantico, Virginia, in 1991. Hobby and his wife were proud business owners of the Floor Store in Double Springs for 26 years. Hobby's community service includes three terms as Sheriff of Winston County, where his leadership and compassion left a lasting impact. He also served as a council member for the Town of Double Springs and contributed his time and expertise to numerous boards, including the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission, The Alabama Sheriffs Boys and Girls Ranch and The Alabama Peace Officers Hall of Fame Board. Hobby was a pioneer in youth outreach, becoming the first sheriff in Alabama to implement the D.A.R.E. program in every Winston County school. He taught Law Enforcement courses at Wallace State Community College. His commitment to service extended beyond law enforcement through his proud involvement with the Masons and Shriners. Hobby is survived by his loved and devoted wife, Bobbie Harris Walker of 41 years. Five children, Lisa Gilbreath (Heidi), Sheila Moore (Aubrey), Todd Walker (Pam), Tanya Walker (Chad) and Jon Gilbreath (Beth). He leaves behind 12 grandchildren: Casey Moore (Leann), Zack Sanders (Lindsey), Leeann Atkins (John), Samantha Junkin (Evan), Ryan Walker (Lauren), Alizabeth Gilbreath (Grey), Macie Ballard (Zach), Tennyson Gilbreath, Landon Gaddy, Brock Biddle and Finlee Biddle. Nine Great Grandchildren: Barrett Moore, Kaden Atkins, Dawson Walker, Levi Moore, Jaxson Walker, Hudson Junkin and Lainey Ballard. Hobby is proceeded in death by his parents Miller and Murtis Walker and brother Randy Walker. Any donations that would like to be made in honor of Hobby's memory can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children at www.shrinerschildren.org.

Linda Sue Haney, 69
Funeral service for Linda Sue Haney, 69, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethel Baptist Cemetery in the Blair community, Bro. Johnny Bennefield officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Haney passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at her residence. She was born June 4, 1956, to Archie Robert and Onzell Marjorie Kelsoe Watkins. Linda was a member of Vinemont Church of God. She loved spending time with her family. She loved flowers. She enjoyed watching tv, especially the Flintstones, Family Feud, and Andy Griffith. Linda was a sweet lady who loved everyone. Any one who knew her loved her. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; son, Robert Haney, and three brothers, Robert, Randy, Johnny Watkins; two sisters, Bonnie Watkins and Margie Hill. Survivors include her husband of almost 54 years, Herman Haney; son, William (Alice) Haney; daughter, Mandy Pace; two grandsons, Dave and Jed Chaney; four granddaughters, Haley Ford, Stacie, Kaley, Shayna Johnson; a lost of grandkids and nieces and nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

William "Bill" Edward Bynum, Jr., 75
William (Bill) Edward Bynum Jr., a resident of Horton Alabama, passed away at the age of 75, on March 30, 2026, at his home. William, known to most as Bill, was born in Cullman Alabama on April 21st of 1950. Educated at Cullman High School, St Bernard College and then University of Alabama at Birmingham, He held a bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting. He spent his youth in the Cullman area where his mother owned the Mug and Cone Restaurant, a popular Cullman hangout. Later he took over the business from his mother, remodeling and renaming it the Bynum Family Restaurant. William attended Agape Bible Institute and served in numerous churches as an Usher, Sunday School Teacher, and pulpit supply. He was married to Phyllis George on Nov. 14, 1979. Together they raised seven children, Angela, Sherry, Roger, Brandy, Amber, Billy, and Zach. They suffered the loss of their granddaughter, Amy Daneron, in 1988. They also suffered the loss of their daughter Mary Elizabeth Bynum in 1990. They later moved from Cullman to Eva Alabama, living there several years before moving to the Oneonta Alabama area to work as House Parents and later Directors at the Freedom Ranch Children's Home in 1997. Over the years at the Freedom Ranch, they fostered over 70 children. After leaving the Freedom Ranch they moved to the Horton area and William began a career with AutoZone. In 2006 they again suffered loss with the death of their son Roger and a week later his wife Bobbie Jo in unrelated incidents. William suffered a devastating blow when Phyllis, his wife of 28 years, passed away in April of 2008 after a short battle with Liver Cancer. He spent his remaining years working at AutoZone until his recent illness made it impossible to continue working. In late 2024, William was diagnosed with colon cancer, which he later passed away as the result of. William was preceded in death by: His Father Dr. William E. Bynum and Mother Bernice Bynum. Brothers Don G. Bynum and Jack Chandler. Sister Wayne Phelps. His Wife Phyllis Bynum, His Son Roger Bynum and Daughter in Law Bobbie Jo Bynum, His Daughter Mary Bynum, and Granddaughter Amy Dameron. William is survived by: Sons: William E. Bynum III (Shayla) and Zachary Bynum (Sarah). Daughters: Angela Johnson (Phillip), Sherry Shelton (Michael), Brandy Huff (Jamie), and Amber Ingram (Brad). As well as 18 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Funeral Services to be held at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, 255 County Road 1435 Cullman, AL 35058, on Saturday, April 4, at 2 p.m. Visitation will precede the Funeral Service on the same day at 1 p.m. Interment to Follow at Lystra Baptist Church Cemetery, 1378 County Road 1592 Baileyton, AL 35019. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Larry Eugene Strickland, 81
Funeral services – Hanceville Funeral Home – Visitation – Wednesday night 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Graveside Service – 10 a.m. Thursday morning at Duck River Baptist Church. Survived by: Daughter – Angela Looney (Randy), Grandchildren – David Strickland (Kayla), Hunter Looney (Kayla), Great-Grandchildren – Dawson, Dillion, Madi, Colter, and Ailey. Brothers – Mickey Strickland (Wanda) and Rickey Strickland. Sister-in-law – Dene Hollis. Aunt – Rhoda Echols Howard. Proceeded in death by: Wife – Faye Ayers, Wife – Betty Strickland. Son – Franklin Strickland, Sister –in – law – Susan. Born in Cullman County to Walter Eugene Strickland and Annie Pearl Yarbrough Strickland. Daddy spent most of his life in the Walter community. He attended Walter School, where he played baseball. He told the story that he would hit gravel with a stick to improve his batting. He received a scholarship to play college ball but declined; instead opting to stay home and marry my Mama (the love of his life). They went on to have Frankie and me. Daddy worked in construction all his life. He told me the story of tying steel bent over for hours on end. He said "One day they were working on a bridge and he looked up to see the other men's hair standing straight up; he yelled for them to get off the bridge and about that time lightening struck the bridge." One of my favorite memories; was at night sitting at the table playing cards. Daddy worked for several years for Harbert International. He spent time in Israel and Egypt. He helped to build a Multi-National Forces Military Base in Sinai and a grain off loading operation on the Red Sea. His last job abroad was in the South Pacific on an island near Kwajalein. After mama suffered a medical emergency in the South Pacific, they came home and daddy built chicken houses. He grew chickens for Ingram Farms for over 30 years and raised cattle. Everyone called him "MacGyver", he could fix it, build it or anything else you needed done. He had a love for animals. I used to laugh due to the fact as children we had all kinds of animals, including a rooster in our backyard in Birmingham. The neighbors couldn't figure out where the crowing was coming from. One of his grandson's Hunter's fond memories was of he and Poppie building a Boy Scout Derby car called the "General Lee". They were both so proud of their car; it also did quite well in the derby, too. His grandson, David's greatest memory is of he and Poppie working the farm and Poppie instilling in him the things he needed to do physically and mentally to become an upstanding man so he could follow in his footsteps. He states, "I defiantly have some big shoes to fill." Although, the last few years were tough as his health declined, he kept his sense of humor. Every morning when asked how he was doing, he would always say "Well, I'm still kicking, not high but I'm kicking". Of course as we all do, he wanted to do things his body would no longer allow. He passed from this earth in the manner in which he wanted; he went to sleep with his best friend and loyal companion (his dog Jake) by his side, and woke up in the arms of Jesus. Although I will miss his earthy presence and I already find myself reaching for the phone to call and ask yet another question, I rest in the knowledge I will be rejoined with him in Glory.

Hannah Marie Hunt, 33
Hannah Marie Hunt, age 33, of Albertville, Alabama, passed away on March 31, 2026. She was born on Oct. 20, 1992, and was a proud graduate of Brindlee Mountain High School. Hannah was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and niece who loved with her whole heart. She was known for her kindness, her giving spirit, and her constant desire to help others. Above all, Hannah cherished her faith and her relationship with her Lord and Savior. She was saved by grace at the age of four and never questioned her salvation. She was a member of Lifespring Baptist Church in Arab, Alabama. Hannah found joy in life's simple and beautiful moments. She loved music, art, fishing, reading, writing, drawing, and singing. Her greatest happiness, however, came from spending time with her two daughters, whom she loved deeply. She is survived by her two beloved daughters, Eliza Cori Lashanna Bazzel and Lilani Nicolae Rain Hunt; her mother, Veronica Ross; stepfather, Don Ross; grandfather, Wayne Hackney; brother, Brandon (Kaitlyn) Herndon and her sister, Alisha (Erick) Stanichowsky. She is also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Hannah was preceded in death by her father, Barron Herndon; her brother, Bryan Michael Herndon; and her grandparents, Threasa Ann Hackney, Betty Ann Herndon, and Irvin Herndon, Sr. Hannah's love, faith, and gentle spirit will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who knew and loved her. Friends are invited to join Hannah's family for a time of visitation on Friday morning, April 3, 2026, from 9:30-11 a.m. at Rock Springs Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow visitation, beginning at 11 a.m., with Scott Campbell and Jerry Hackney officiating. Hannah will be laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery where Gabe Henry, Ryan Stanichowsky, Billy Glass, Delane Baker, Derrick Baker, and Matthew Hackney will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to help with Hannah's final expenses. A link has been provided below. Hannah's obituary was provided by her family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to care for the Hunt family.

Mary Magdelene Wood Strandlund, 94
Mary was born in Logan, Alabama, where she was one of three children of her parents, William Boss Wood and Loice Tucker Wood. She grew up in the Logan community but also lived with her family in Cullman, Alabama and Winter Haven, Florida. She graduated from Cullman High School (Go Bearcats!) in 1949. She played softball and was always interested in physical education. She was part of the court of the Cullman Strawberry Festival Queen in 1949 and later attended Montevallo College. Around this time, she met Don Strandlund who was introduced by a mutual friend while Don was serving in the U.S Navy in Memphis, Tennessee. Don and Mary married in October 1950 and returned to Don's home in Moline, Illinois. After completing his time in the Navy, Don attended Augustana College in nearby Rock Island, Illinois. He worked in as a photographer part-time and Mary worked cleaning their church, even though they were also beginning a family. While Don attended Augustana Theological Seminary, Mary took on the challenging job of raising their two children. Don was ordained as a Lutheran minister in Seattle, Washington, in 1961 and Mary assumed the role of pastor's wife, another job she took very seriously for the next 40+ years of his ordained ministry. It was her vocation in life and she excelled at it. She hosted parishioners in her home, led church events, helped teach confirmation classes, and extended to Don years of untold patience as he worked in various churches. Mary was always there for him and her children every step of the way in every relocation and new life of ministry in the church. During Don's extensive years of ministry, Mary was an ever-present support wherever they were called to serve. They lived in many different places including Tampa, Florida; White Bear Lake, Minnesota; DeLand, Florida; Melbourne, Florida; St. Petersburg, Florida; Lakeland, Florida; and Cullman, Alabama. She then accompanied him during his interim service after retirement in churches located in Florence, Alabama; Jacksonville, Alabama; and Anniston, Alabama. Lutherans in all those locations will remember the good humor and faithfulness she brought to their congregations. Mary will be remembered for her unwavering devotion, care, and love for her children as she considered that her other vocation in life. Her children, Bill and Tina, never left the house without being neat and well-dressed and she made sure that they were taught and used good manners. She required that they respected their elders and that they demonstrated courtesy and acceptance of others everywhere they went. She was known to have a "green thumb" as she always had the most beautiful and well-kept yard in whatever neighborhood her family lived, especially in the sub-tropical warmth of Florida where flowers bloomed all year and fruit trees abounded. Mary was grounded with the earth from her earliest years and she demonstrated that by usually being barefoot in her home and in her yard, even into her senior years. She was feisty and determined yet gentle in her demeanor. "Granny Mary" was especially fond of time spent with family members and loved being with her five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her grandchildren remember her playful tenacity at board games and her surprising strength as an arm-wrestler. Mary is survived by her brother, James Wood; her son, William A. Strandlund (Claudia); her daughter, Christine A. Strandlund; five grandchildren: The Rev. Daniel P. Strandlund (Lucy); Anna Caroline Strandlund Dudley-Robertson (Jason); Sally Culpepper Warren (Nathan); William Joseph Culpepper (Jenna); and Russell Lewis Culpepper; as well as five great-grandchildren: Augustus Lowell Warren (Gus); Abraham Banks Warren (Abe); MJ Dudley; Arliss Wilkes Freeman; and Nora Bell Culpepper. Mary is also survived and will especially be missed by her dearest friend, Cheryl Van Wormer of Somerset, Colorado. In addition, she is survived by eight nieces and nephews who thought of her as the best aunt ever. She was preceded in death by her husband of more than 75 years, The Reverend Donald Russell Strandlund; her aforementioned parents; one sister, Hilda Jean Wood Freeman; and one nephew, Dr. Phillip Wood Freeman. Memorial service details at Grace Episcopal Church in Cullman, Alabama, will be provided at a future date. The family requests that donations be made to the Grace Episcopal Church Flower Fund in lieu of flowers.

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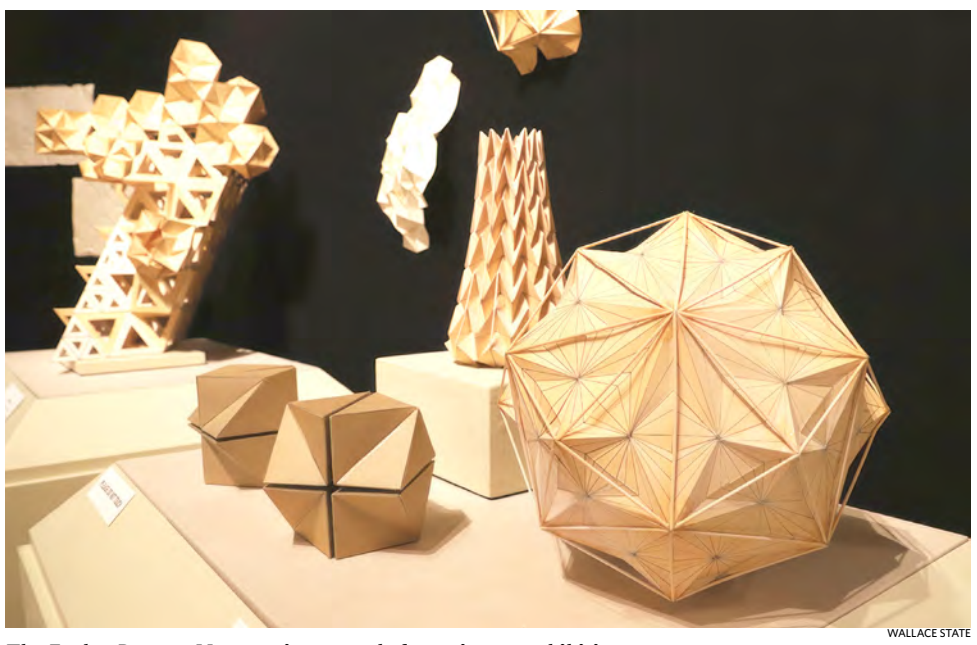
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Evelyn Burrow Museum exhibition features work of Brother Jude Johnston



WALLACE STATE

The Evelyn Burrow Museum is currently featuring an exhibition displaying the artwork of the late Brother Jude Johnston.

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College announces a new exhibition featuring the work of the late Brother Jude Johnston.

Johnston was a lay brother of St. Bernard Abbey who worked artistically under the name "Nov Ontos," meaning "new being." He passed away on June 19, 2025, at the age of 92, leaving a collection of his work to the Evelyn Burrow Museum, where he had been instrumental in organizing several regional sculptors' exhibitions.

"Brother Jude Johnston was a true polymath — a brilliant scholar of architecture, engineering, sculpture and art, and an extraordinary artist, as well as a cherished friend and longtime supporter of the Evelyn Burrow Museum," said Kristen Holmes, of Wallace State and the Evelyn Burrow Museum. "His generosity and belief in the power of art to transform lives and deepen understanding endure through his art. It is an honor to share the remarkable body of work he entrusted to us, and we are grateful to celebrate his legacy through this exhibition. His vision, creativity and devotion to the arts will continue to inspire our community for generations."

The exhibition reflects Johnston's extensive formal training in philosophy, civil engineering and sculpture as well as relentless spirit of creativity and innovation. His work draws from geometry, structural engineering, music and philosophy, with a focus on the underlying principles of form, structure, balance and transformation.

The exhibit features numerous drawings, architectural forms and additional works spanning more than 70 years of artistic exploration. Many of his computer-generated architectural and graphic design works were done after his eyes no longer allowed him to achieve the intricate degree of detail he desired by hand in drawing and sculpting. He continued this work using CADD and in architectural modeling into his 80s and 90s.

Wallace State students Ivory Chaviers and Hayden Hovater assisted with installing the exhibition and shared their reflections on Johnston's work.

"When reviewing Brother Jude's work, what stood out most to me was his design matrix," Chaviers said. "It is a hand-drawn piece he created himself. Seeing such a thoughtful and meticulous work opened my eyes to something truly remarkable. You can tell how intentional he was with every stroke. It is one of my favorite pieces, and it was an honor to help install it."

"I was especially drawn to his exploration of form, concept and meaning," Hovater said. "Even in this portion of the collection, you can see how his work returns to a mathematical foundation. Many of the pieces are bright and expressive, conveying deeper ideas and evoking strong emotion. The piece that held my attention most was 'Stormwinds.' It captures a raw, visceral sense of nature's fury, rendered with such precision and care that the result is quietly breathtaking."

The Evelyn Burrow Museum is also exhibiting photography by the late William Sharpton, a former resident artist at Wallace State. The collection includes a variety of landscapes and regional landmarks.

Admission to the Evelyn Burrow Museum is free. The museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, visit www.burrowmuseum.org or call 256-352-8457.





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All the Hats: Tools for success

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Entrepreneurs and nonprofit leaders met at Wallace State Community College March 26-27 for the All the Hats conference. The two-day event offered practical tools, resources and connections to help them grow and sustain their work.

CEO of Good Grit and Co-Founder of All the Hats, Samantha Southerland, said the conference was created after noticing a common challenge among clients: many had the passion to succeed but lacked access to key resources and guidance.

"We saw people who knew what they wanted to do, but didn't always have the tools to get there. We wanted to bring experts together so attendees could leave feeling equipped and inspired."

The event addressed a range of challenges facing business owners and nonprofit leaders, including burnout, knowledge gaps in finance and marketing and difficulty navigating funding opportunities such as grants. Organizers designed the conference to connect attendees directly with experts who could provide guidance and ongoing support.

The conference featured workshops and panels on topics like marketing strategies, AI, investing and nonprofit operations.

Laura Quick led an investors panel that brought together different perspectives and expertise. Speakers included Fractional CFO and Financial Strategist Lindsay Neal; Founding Managing Partner of Measured Capital Douglas Watson; and Chhavi-Goel Parker, a financial advisor and wealth strategist with Morgan Stanley who traveled from New York to join the event.

Organizers worked to create an environment that encouraged connection and collaboration. Attendees received giveaways, took part in interactive sessions and met other professionals and potential partners.

One highlight was the presentation of Impact Awards, which gave recipients seed funding to support their work. Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts won the Small Business Impact Award and The Link of Cullman County was recognized in the nonprofit category.

Southerland said she hopes attendees left with useful resources and strong relationships. "The goal is for them to walk away with a blueprint to level up their business and a network of people they can continue learning from," she said.

Organizers plan to hold the conference again next year in Cullman. Updates and registration details will be posted at Facebook/All The Hats and https://allthehatsconference.com.

