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Power to the People Act expands Alabama Public Service Commission, limits base rate increases through 2029

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A newly signed state law will expand the Alabama Public Service Commission from three members to seven and prohibit increases in electric retail base rates through 2029.

The Power to the People Act, enacted during the 2026 legislative session, originated as House Bill 475 and was signed into law by Gov. Kay Ivey.

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Sen. Garlan Gudger

CCPS receives Safe School Award for second year



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Left to right are Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, CCPS SRO Bill Fisher, CCSP Principal Elizabeth Shaddix, CCPS Assistant Principal Tyler Skinner, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan, Cullman Assistant Police Chief Brandon Patterson and CCPS SRO Daniel Palisay.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall on Monday, April 6, visited Cullman City Primary School (CCPS) to present the 2025 Safe School Award and applaud the school's ongoing commitment to safety and preparedness. CCPS is one of just nine schools to win the award, chosen from over 1,500 public and private schools in Alabama. It's also the second year in a row the school received the award.

"It takes remarkable leadership to receive this honor, with the principal, staff, school board and superintendent all making school safety a real priority," Marshall said. "The data is clear that when students feel safe and are safe, they succeed."

Marshall also commended the school resource officers (SROs) who work and keep CCPS safe. CCPS SROs are Bill Fisher and Daniel Palisay.

CCPS Principal Elizabeth Shaddix added her appreciation for the SROs and school leaders who work together to make up the campus safety team, saying, "Thanks so much to everyone who works so hard to make safety a priority."

Marshall pointed out several reasons the school was chosen for the award, such as the centralized incident command center in the main office, which helps administrators and first responders work together during emergencies.

The campus also has security gates at entry points to keep the school safe and accessible. These gates open automatically for emergency vehicles when sirens are heard, but stay closed during regular school hours.

The school's partnership with local law enforcement was another reason for the award. SROs, faculty and staff work together to keep students and teachers safe.

Said Marshall, "When kids feel safe, when they feel secure, they thrive."

Shaddix said the award shows the school's ongoing focus on safety. "This is our second year to win this award, and it is very exciting for us because we believe that safety is the most important thing," she said.

"We feel like if our students feel safe, then that's the first thing we have to accomplish before we can teach them anything."

The selection process to receive a Safe School Award includes a comprehensive four-phase application and review process by judges who have skill and knowledge in school safety trends.

Nine schools from across the state of Alabama were selected to receive the Safe School Award, the highest achievement. In addition to CCPS, the other winners include ACCEL Academy in Mobile, Orange Beach Middle and High School in Orange Beach, Northside High School in Northport, Beauregard Elementary School in Opelika, the Allen Thornton Career Technical Center in Killen, Eastwood Elementary School in Decatur, Elvin Hill Elementary School in Columbiana and Harriette W. Gwin Elementary School in Hoover.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 6

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 6, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 2

- possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; Hwy. 91
- harassing communications; CR 1682
- possession of dangerous drugs; I65NB Rest Area
- dog bite; CR 651
- burglary; Boyd St. NE
- domestic violence; CR 1612
- domestic violence; CR 1114
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 157

April 3

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1718
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; CR 248
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; CR 1720
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E
- possession of controlled substance; CR 222
- burglary; CR 1107

April 4

- assault; Sebastian Dr.
- burglary; Meadow Creek Dr. NE
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; CR 1193
- domestic violence; Sebastian Dr.
- harassment; CR 321
- domestic violence-strangulation; CR 1196

April 5

- assault; Main St. NE
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; Main St. NE
- trespassing; CR 262
- domestic violence; CR 1083

ARRESTS

April 2-5

Adkins, Jamie R.; 41
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Barnett, Candi M.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bowers, David W.; 28
- burglary-non-residence-force
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500
- possession of burglary tools

Braswell, Randall H.; 48
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Brock, Karlee R.; 41
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Colburn, Dakota C.; 30
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Collins, Randy H.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Dixon, Douglas L.; 35
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Fancher, Jonathan M.; 32
- DUI (alcohol)

Gipson, Vickie H.; 59
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – fraud-defrauding secured creditors

Harris, Skylar W.; 21
- assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation

Jones, Daniel K.; 31
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Lang, Eric A.; 43
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McDonald, Rachael L.; 41
- possession of dangerous drugs

McDuffee, Michael J.; 45
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous
- public intoxication

Moore, Jessica S.; 44
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – resisting arrest

Powell III, James H.; 37
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Reid, James W.; 32
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Richards, Heather L.; 51
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Self, Richard D.; 61
- attempting to elude a police officer
- DUI (alcohol)

Sharp, Jr., Michael A.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Silguero, Felix; 60
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Tanksley, Sarah A.; 65
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Uselton, Dana M.; 37
- FTA – attempt to commit a crime-class C felony
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – retail theft-3rd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 3

- theft of property-2nd degree; Dollar General; cash; Hwy. 278W
- harassment; person; Cullman Shopping Center
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $323; Hwy. 157
- harassment; person; Marktplatz Ctr.

April 4

- theft of property-4th degree; Monograms Plus; jewelry; $14; Main Ave. NE

April 5

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $70; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person
- harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person

ARRESTS

April 3-5

Espinoza, Amanda B.; 38
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weaver, Coty L.; 36
- possession of controlled substance

Reid, James W.; 32
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brock, Karlee R.; 41
- theft of property-4th degree
- public intoxication
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Braxton O.; 21
- public intoxication

Esposito, Jan M.; 46
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – open container in vehicle
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – switched tag

Martinez, Nayeli P.; 32
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation

Beaty, Natasha L.; 52
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Marina (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A familiar name in the Smith Lake marina business has expanded its footprint, with Lynn Layton and Jeff Layton recently purchasing Trident Marina from Jeff Tolbert.

The father-and-son duo acquired Duskin Point Marina in 2018 and now operate two full-service marinas on Lewis Smith Lake.

According to a statement shared by Duskin Point Marina, the Laytons said their goal is to provide "the highest-quality marinas on Lewis Smith Lake," noting that each decision has been made with the intent of enhancing the lake experience for the community.

"They were originally drawn to the marina business out of their appreciation for the beautiful lake we all enjoy," the statement read. "Every decision has been made thoughtfully, with the intention of enhancing Smith Lake for each and every member of our valued community."

Trident Marina, located in Crane Hill, offers a wide range of services including boat sales, repair, storage, fuel and an on-site restaurant. Duskin Point Marina, located in Jasper, operates with similar full-service offerings.

Following the purchase, marina officials said there are no current plans to add a restaurant or bar at Duskin Point.

"Not at this time," Duskin Point Marina said in response to a question from the public. "It is our focus to provide the best marina service on the lake."

However, The Grille at Trident Marina will continue operating under its existing structure.

"Mr. Tolbert continues to lease and run said restaurant at Trident and provide the same service that has come to be expected there," the marina stated.

The announcement drew strong community response, with many expressing support for the Layton family and confidence in their stewardship of both marinas. Others raised questions about future amenities, including dining options and public access features.

For now, ownership has indicated its focus remains on marina operations and service quality as the transition moves forward.

Act (from Front)

revised in the Senate under a substitute measure carried by Sen. Clyde Chambliss, R-Prattville, before receiving final approval.

Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, said the measure is intended to increase representation and strengthen oversight of utility regulation.

"This secures a voice for the people in each district for decades to come," Gudger said.

Under the law, electric retail base rates cannot be increased before 2029, though reductions remain permitted.

The legislation also removes certain categories of expenses from rate calculations, including costs associated with lobbying, non-safety-related advertising and certain grant-related activities.

"By removing these costs from the rate structure, this law is designed to lower electric rates for customers," Gudger said.

The commission will grow from three statewide elected members to seven members, with future seats tied to Alabama's congressional districts. The shift moves the commission from a fully statewide structure toward a more regionally representative model.

Gudger said the current structure leaves portions of the state without direct representation on the commission.

"Under the current structure, many areas of Alabama do not have direct representation on the commission," he said.

The law also requires at least one annual public meeting focused on utility rates and authorizes formal proceedings under certain conditions. Those proceedings may be conducted under oath and can include subpoena authority and penalties for perjury.

A newly created secretary of energy position will oversee administrative coordination of the commission but will not have voting authority.

"The secretary of energy will not have a vote," Gudger said. "Only the elected commissioners will make decisions, with checks in place to ensure accountability."

The transition to the expanded commission will take place over multiple election cycles.

Current commissioners will continue serving through the existing cycle before the new structure is fully implemented.

"By 2030, all commissioners will be elected, ensuring long-term representation for every district," he said.

The bill passed the Alabama House by a vote of 72-26 following concurrence with Senate changes. Opposition included several Republican lawmakers, including the bill's original sponsor.

Butler voted against the final version after it was amended in the Senate. Several co-sponsors also opposed the measure on final passage, including Reps. Cindy Myrex, R-Cullman; Susan DuBose, R-Hoover; Mark Gidley, R-Hokes Bluff; Shane Stringer; R-Citronelle; and Ernie Yarbrough, R-Trinity.

Locally, representatives whose districts include portions of Cullman County also voted against the bill, including Heath Allbright, R-Holly Pond; Cindy Myrex, R-Cullman; and Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The Tribune reached out to Allbright, Myrex and Stadthagen for comment, but none replied by time of print at 5:45 p.m. Monday, April 6.

The split among some House Republicans followed changes made in the Senate, with the final version differing from the original proposal introduced in the House.

Find the full bill here at https://arc-sos.state.al.us/ucp/L2110701.AI1.pdf

What this means for Cullman County ratepayers

While the Power to the People Act applies statewide, several provisions could directly affect residents and businesses in Cullman County.

Rate stability through 2029

The law prohibits increases in electric retail base rates until 2029, which could provide more predictable base utility costs for customers. Rate decreases remain possible.

Changes to rate calculations

Certain expenses, including lobbying, non-safety-related advertising and grant-related costs, are removed from the formula used to determine customer rates.

Expanded representation

The Public Service Commission will grow from three to seven members, with future commissioners tied to congressional districts. This change shifts the commission toward a more regionally representative structure.

Increased oversight and transparency

The law requires annual public meetings and allows for formal proceedings conducted under oath with subpoena authority, adding another layer of accountability to utility regulation.

Gradual implementation

Because of existing election cycles, the additional commission seats will not be filled immediately. The full transition to the new structure will take place over the next several years.

Know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke

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As spring heats up and gives way to summer, it's important to know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat usually peaks between noon-3 p.m. so it's best to avoid going outdoors during these hours. If you must, try limiting yourself to short bursts. Take breaks and be sure you are well hydrated.

As you hydrate, avoid caffeinated or alcoholic beverages. Be sure to drink water throughout stopping periods, but never drink ice-cold water too fast when you're overheated. If you are overheated and drink ice-cold water too quickly, this can cause your body to go into shock. You may experience dizziness or, in some cases, fainting. This is a result of your body struggling to adapt to the sudden temperature change.

Dress in light-colored, lightweight clothing when outdoors. Dark-colored clothing, including blue jeans, draws in more heat and increases the chances of you becoming overheated.

Here are the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke as advised by American Heart Association.

Heat exhaustion
- Headaches
- Cool, pale and moist skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Dizziness and light-headedness
- Weakness or muscle cramps
- Nausea and vomiting
- Passing out

If you have these symptoms immediately move to a cooler area and sit down. The AHA suggests dousing yourself in cold water and hydrating.

Heat stroke
- High body temperature (103F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache, dizziness and confusion
- Nausea
- Passing out

If you have these symptoms call 911, as heat stroke is a medical emergency.

The AHA elaborated on the severity of heat exposure in an article from 2023 stating, "Each year in the U.S., an average 702 deaths and 67,512 emergency department visits are due to heat, based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data."

To learn more visit heart.org.

Sources
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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 8 – 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 10 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, April 12 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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!

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Spring Revival
Through Friday, April 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, April 9, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

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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TRACK & FIELD

West Point boys, Cold Springs girls place first at Cold Springs Invitational

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BREMEN, Ala. — Several local track & field teams met at Cold Springs High School yesterday for the 2026 Cold Springs invitational, where athletes participated in over 35 individual events. Behind stellar performances from Rush Lamar and Ella Dickerson, West Point's boys and Cold Springs' girls finished the day in first place. The final team leaderboards, as well as all local stars who finished in the top five of their respective events, can be found below.

TEAM SCORES

Girls
1. Cold Springs – 168
5. West Point – 72
7. Addison – 24

Boys
1. West Point – 193
2. Cold Springs – 102.50
6. Addison – 58

TRACK

Girls 3200m
2. Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs – 13:49.77
3. Ally Mavers, Cold Springs – 15:44.27

Boys 3200m
1. Logan Purdue, Cold Springs – 10:56.34
2. Carson Rice, Cold Springs – 11:14.73

Girls 100mH
1. Ella Dickerson, Cold Springs – 18.08
2. Laklin Shadix, West Point – 20.75
3. Lyric Antone, West Point – 22.07

Boys 100mH
1. Asa Sutter, West Point – 15.48
3. Rush Lamar, West Point – 17.24
5. Noah Cleghorn, Addison – 22.75

Girls 4x800mR
1. West Point (Lindley, D. Salter, J. Salter, Will) – 12:52.07

Boys 4x800mR
2. West Point (Clark, Jones, McCain, Self) – 10:52.48

Girls 100m Para
1. Ivy Johnson, Cold Springs – 23.68

Boys 100m
1. Rush Lamar, West Point – 11.60
2. Ray McKenney, West Point – 11.76

Girls 1600m
1. Reese Swidecki, Cold Springs – 5:18.53
3. Dorothy Salter, West Point – 6:25.28
5. Judy Salter, West Point – 6:42.67

Boys 1600m
1. Lincoln Parker, West Point – 4:55.12
3. Garrett Scheer, Cold Springs – 4:57.62
4. Tanner Morgan, Addison – 5:44.25

Boys 4x100mR
2. West Point (Franklin, Fairchild, Taylor, Wilkins) – 47.48
3. Addison (Sullins, Turner, Wilkins, E. Roberts) – 47.89

Girls 400m
1. Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs – 1:05.43
3. Claire Huffstutler, Cold Springs – 1:09.46
5. Ayla Kate Huff, Cold Springs – 1:11.47

Boys 400m
1. Rush Lamar, West Point – 52.14
2. Brier Taylor, West Point – 52.62
3. Ray McKenney, West Point – 52.69

Girls 200m Para
1. Ivy Johnson, Cold Springs – 54.09

Girls 200m
4. Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs – 30.97

Boys 200m
2. Elijah Roberts, Addison – 25.87

Girls 800m
2. Paizley Whitlow, Cold Springs – 2:32.70
4. Dorothy Salter, West Point – 2:51.39
5. Claire Huffstutler, Cold Springs – 2:52.75

Boys 800m
3. Lincoln Parker, West Point – 2:22.76

Girls 300mH
2. Reese Swidecki, Cold Springs – 55.00
3. Ella Dickerson, Cold Springs – 55.08

Boys 300mH
1. Rush Lamar, West Point – 44.60
2. Ethan Day, Cold Springs – 47.66
5. Collin Clark, West Point – 57.09

Boys 4x400mR
2. Addison (Nail, B. Roberts, Wiggins, Morgan) – 4.27:29

FIELD

Girls Shot Put
3. Hanna McKenney, West Point – 31-3.50
4. Makenna Taylor, Cold Springs – 30-7

Boys Shot Put
1. Malik Howell, West Point – 48-0
2. Kalanu Riendeau, West Point – 40-1
4. Skylar Cleghorn, Addison – 38-2
5. Bailey Gann, Cold Springs – 38-0

Girls Discus Throw
3. Makenna Taylor, Cold Springs – 92-3

Boys Discus Throw
1. Bailey Gann, Cold Springs – 136-0
3. Malik Howell, West Point – 107-5

Boys Long Jump
1. Ethan Day, Cold Springs – 19-10
3. Nolan Franklin, West Point – 19-6.50
4. Miles Fairchild, West Point – 18-2
5. Mason Wilkins, West Point – 17-7

Girls Long Jump
3. Ava Bartlett, Addison – 14-8
4. Laklin Shadix, West Point – 14-4.75

Girls Triple Jump
1. Ella Dickerson, Cold Springs – 32-7.75
2. Kotie Calvert, Cold Springs – 29-6
3. Laklin Shadix, West Point – 28-0.50
4. Sabri Dover, Addison – 26-6.75

Boys Triple Jump
1. Asa Sutter, West Point – 43-0.75
2. Mason Wilkins, West Point – 37-8.50
3. Miles Fairchild, West Point – 36-9.50
4. Nolan Franklin, West Point – 36-2.50

Boys High Jump
2. Elijah Roberts, Addison – 5-8
4. Collin Clark, West Point – 5-6

Girls High Jump
2. Ava Bartlett, Addison – 5-0
3. Ella Dickerson, Cold Springs – 5-0

Boys Javelin Throw
1. Bailey Gann, Cold Springs – 140-8
3. Asa Sutter, West Point – 137-0
4. Brodie Willingham, Addison – 133-7
5. Ethan Day, Cold Springs – 128-0

Girls Javelin Throw
2. Hanna McKenney, West Point – 91-5
4. Laklin Shadix, West Point – 89-0

Girls Pole Vault
1. Paizley Whitlow, Cold Springs – 8-6
2. Claire Huffstutler, Cold Springs – 7-6
2. Marissa Mavers, Cold Springs – 7-6
2. Reese Swidecki, Cold Springs – 7-6
2. Ryleigh Wright, Cold Springs – 7-6

Boys Pole Vault
1. Blake Belcher, Cold Springs – 11-0
2. Lucas Freeman, Cold Springs – 5-6
3. Easton Freeman, Cold Springs – 5-0

Plan (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council has adopted a new ordinance designed to reshape how the city plans, funds and executes street and transportation infrastructure projects, tying long-term planning directly to the budgeting process.

The measure formally establishes an annual Street and Transportation Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan and pairs it with a comprehensive infrastructure assessment through First Step Pavement Management.

City Council President Kim Hall said the ordinance was driven by the need for a more structured and transparent approach to one of the city's largest long-term investments.

"This ordinance was introduced to strengthen how the city plans, prioritizes and communicates infrastructure investments," Hall said. "Street and transportation infrastructure represent some of the city's most significant long-term assets and financial commitments. This policy creates a structured, transparent and data-informed process to ensure those investments are aligned with community needs and long-term planning goals."

Previously, paving decisions were handled through a traditional budgeting process without a formally adopted long-range infrastructure plan.

Under the new ordinance, the council must review and approve the infrastructure plan before any paving projects can be included in the city's budget, formally linking planning, funding and execution.

"This ordinance officially establishes a connection between planning, budgeting and project execution," Hall said.

City officials said the change moves Cullman away from a reactive paving model and toward a long-range, data-driven strategy.

"This ensures that projects are evaluated using objective criteria, prioritized strategically, supported by identified funding sources and reviewed publicly before funding decisions are made," Hall said. "It represents a proactive, strategic, long-range planning model."

The ordinance will take effect as the city develops its next budget cycle and annual infrastructure plan, introducing a more consistent framework for future paving decisions.

For residents, the change is expected to provide more visibility into which roads are prioritized and when improvements are planned, while reducing uncertainty around how paving decisions are made.

The ordinance also strengthens how infrastructure spending is tracked and reported, requiring regular updates to the council.

"The Street Department will provide quarterly reports to the council that may include project status updates, expenditures to date, budget variances, delays or change orders and updated timelines," Hall said.

"This ensures consistent oversight, improves internal accountability and enhances public transparency."

As part of the rollout, the city approved an agreement with First Step Pavement Management not to exceed $79,500 for a full infrastructure assessment.

The work includes a street inventory and condition assessment, as well as inventories of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, striping and signage.

The assessment will serve as a baseline dataset used to guide future paving and infrastructure decisions under the new ordinance.

"These services provide the city with detailed, data-driven insights into infrastructure conditions," Hall said.

The ordinance requires detailed cost estimates and funding plans for each project, including engineering, materials, construction and contingency expenses, along with identified funding sources such as gas tax revenues, Rebuild Alabama funds, grants and general fund allocations.

"This approach provides an outline for financial forecasting, supports responsible use of taxpayer dollars and positions the city to compete for state and federal funding opportunities," Hall said.

If project costs change after adoption, the ordinance allows for formal amendments, requiring updated cost breakdowns and council approval. Emergency work can proceed under the mayor's direction, with council ratification required at the next meeting.

City leaders said the ordinance introduces new transparency measures, including public posting of the infrastructure plan and updates through official city communication channels.

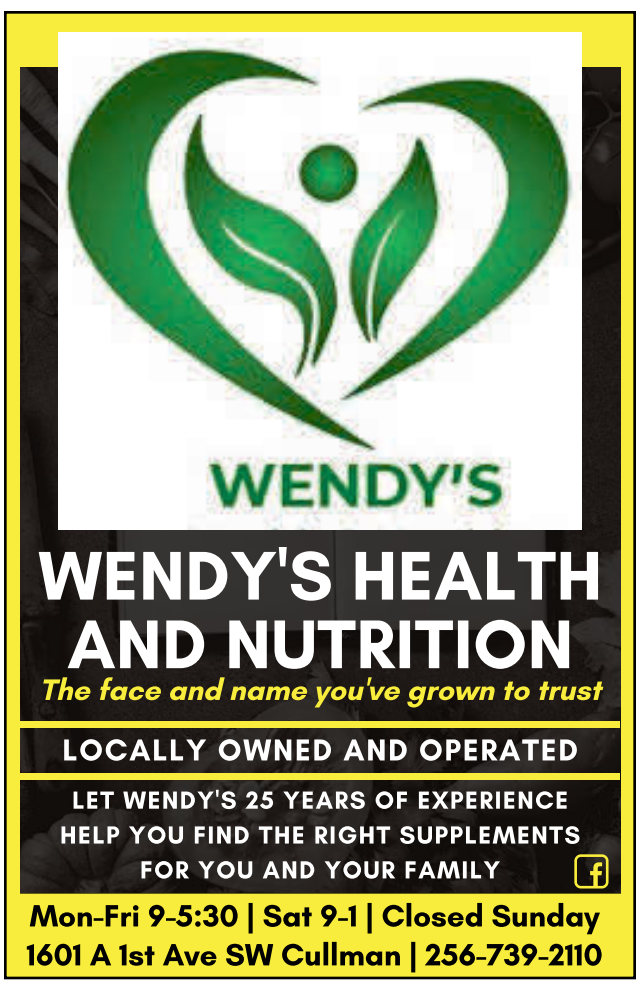
"The plan will be posted publicly and available on the city's website," Hall said. "Summaries and updates will be shared through city communication channels."

Hall said the long-term goal is to ensure infrastructure decisions are guided by data, priorities and accountability.

"By combining data-driven condition assessments, multiyear planning and clearly identified funding strategies, the city will be equipped to prioritize high-impact projects, maintain infrastructure efficiently, compete for state and federal grants and maximize the value of every dollar invested," she said.

While the ordinance does not directly dictate how quickly paving projects move forward, Hall said it is expected to improve coordination and long-term impact.

"Over time, this structured approach can lead to more strategic and impactful infrastructure investments," she said.





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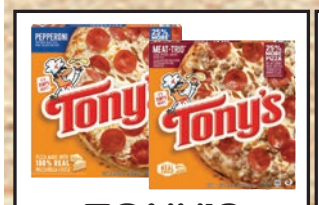
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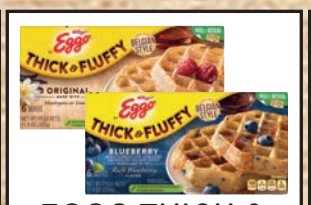
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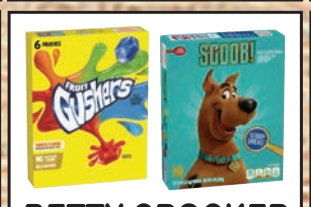
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20 Oz. Bottles
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16 Oz. Bottles
2 for $3

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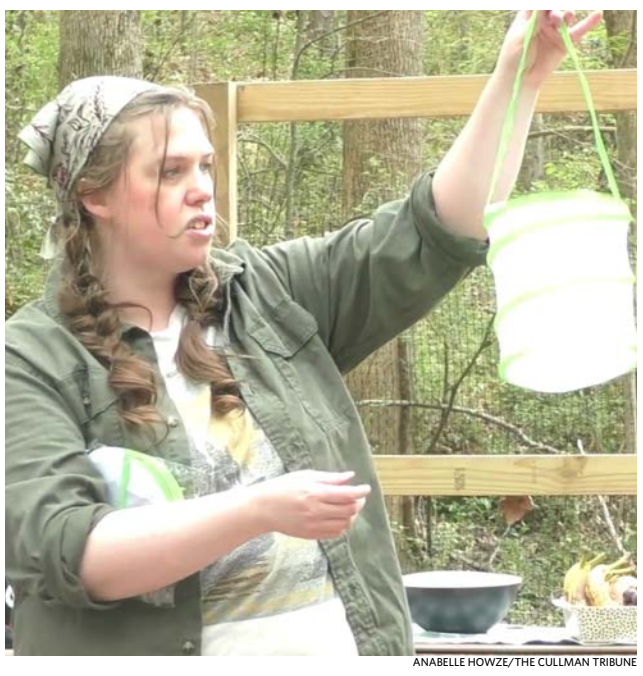


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Barefoot University Butterfly Buffet

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Alex Bass, who leads Barefoot University with Rachel Phillips, explained that the activity helps children connect with nature in a fun and simple way.

"The Butterfly Buffet is a way to get them involved with their ecosystems at home. They can make little buffets for butterflies using different kinds of fruit and hopefully attract pollinators like butterflies," said Bass.

The event focused on hands-on learning, giving children the chance to get involved rather than just listen to information about the environment.

"It's not just us having a conversation about how important pollinators are," Bass said. "It's a way for them to actively participate in nurturing their ecosystem."

Besides making food stations for butterflies, some children watched caterpillars, while others used nets to explore and enjoyed free play.

Organizers said events like the Butterfly Buffet matter even more now, as many kids spend a lot of time indoors and on screens.

"Forest school gives both parents and children a chance to be in a community with people who share similar values," Bass said. "It helps them get outside and enjoy activities like climbing, hiking and exploring – things that are really important for children growing up."

Barefoot University is a K-12 forest school made up of volunteers, homeschooling families and students. Though participation is open to all, meetings are typically held during school-day hours, making it most accessible to homeschool families.

Enrollment in Barefoot University is open from April 8-14 for current families and starts April 15 for new families. The yearly fee is $150 per family, plus a $50 supply fee for each child.

To learn more or to join or start a local group, visit www.barefootuniversity.org.

Local Musician Spotlight: Case Graham

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CASE GRAHAM

Case Graham with his neon Gibson Les Paul on stage with Steve Vai

CULLMAN, Ala. — Case Graham is a local musician with an excellent reputation for his guitar skills. His style is a combination of rock and metal mixed with groove funk, layered with heavy jazz influence.

Though he knew from a young age that he wanted to play guitar, he said, it wasn't easy.

At age 9 he told his parents he wanted to play, though they presented him with a challenge. He could play guitar, but only after two years of piano lessons. That was that! He set off on his journey of keys and pedals – unknowingly making it easier for him to learn chord construction and scales.

At 11, he had achieved his goal and began playing guitar and taking lessons.

"I knew I wanted to play fast," Graham said.

He went on to write his own songs throughout high school. One song he played at Cullman High School's annual talent show.

"You weren't allowed to play an original song in the talent show for some reason. So I told them I was playing 'Fire' by Steve Vai," said Graham.

He admitted he was playing an original piece just before going onstage, and the performance landed the Cullman High freshman a spot at Celebrate Cullman.

He recently toured in Las Vegas where he met Steve Vai, Rick Beato and other musicians.

Graham is in several bands to-date, including Just in Case, Rally Stripes, Jesse Priest and session work with Common Tribe, a Nashville-based group. Just in Case is one of Valley Tavern & Grille's house bands that plays every Tuesday night at 7. It's a two-man band featuring Justin Pace and Graham, hence the band name: June in Case.

Graham said his most requested song when performing live tends to b, "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses and "Free Bird" by Lynyrd Skynyrd.

He said he always adds his own variation of the songs, so they're never quite the originals.

Graham's recently released song "Just Go For It!" is on Spotify and has also been submitted for an award through Get Lifted: Cloud Microphones Artist Tournament.

You can vote for the single at https://tinyurl.com/casegraham.

When he isn't practicing in a studio or on stage, Graham teaches lessons. Students of all ages can learn classical, jazz, rock or acoustic guitar and, of course, piano. To book a lesson, visit www.casegraham.com/music-lessons

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will be offering Music Camp this summer for kids from ages 8 to 14. Graham will be instructing these lessons.

The camp will take place June 23-26, from 8 a.m.-noon at The Little House at Art Park located at 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. Register at www.cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program.

Visit Graham's website www.casegraham.com to learn more.

Jacobs proclaims April 12–18 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in city

Leanne H. West
Contributor



CITY OF CULLMAN

Communications Assistant Director Taylor England and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs has proclaimed April 12–18, 2026 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in the city of Cullman, recognizing the critical role emergency dispatchers play in protecting lives and property across the community.

Public Safety Telecommunicators serve as the first point of contact during emergencies, answering calls, gathering vital information and dispatching police, fire and emergency medical services quickly and accurately. Their work ensures that first responders have the information they need to act decisively while also maintaining constant communication to support responder safety in the field.

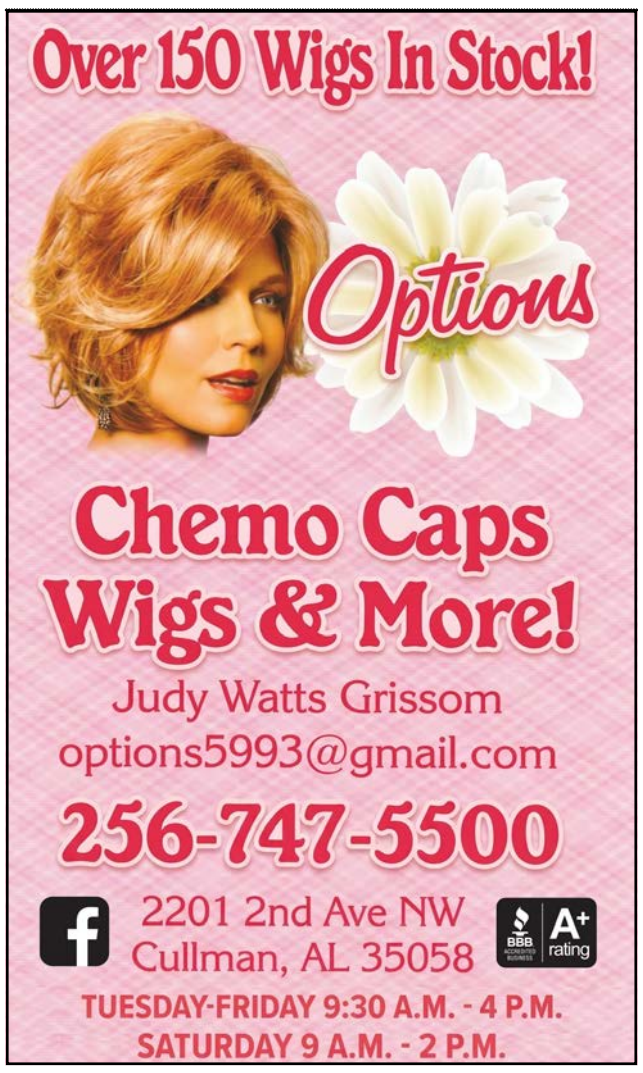
Communications Assistant Director Taylor England accepted the proclamation on behalf of the city's Communications Department, which is led by Director Danny Cain and staffed by 17 dedicated professionals. Together, the team operates the city's emergency communications center around the clock, serving as a critical link between the public and emergency services.

"Public Safety Telecommunicators are often the unseen first responders," said Jacobs. "Their calm, professionalism, and ability to gather and relay life-saving information make a real difference in emergencies. We are grateful for their service to our community."

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is observed each year during the second full week of April and honors the dedication of emergency communications personnel across the country. Established in 1981, the week recognizes the vital role telecommunicators play within the public safety system and helps raise awareness of the critical, life-saving work they perform every day.

The proclamation highlights the essential role telecommunicators play in supporting law enforcement, fire suppression and emergency medical care. Over the past year, Cullman's dispatchers have demonstrated compassion, understanding and professionalism while handling high-pressure situations that directly impact the safety of both residents and first responders.

The City of Cullman encourages residents to recognize and thank the Communications Department team during Public Safety Telecommunicators Week for their dedication and service.





LEGALS

Ad #1
Notice of sale under self-storage lien
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Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 210 2nd Avenue NW – Auto Zone – addition/expansion
2. Loring Street NW & Cleveland Avenue NW – lot width

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
D.L.S., * **CASE NO.: JU 19-341.05**
a minor, DOB: 12-22-2009. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

MICHAEL NEAL STACKS, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on December 22, 2009, to Julie Lynn Massey by the 12 day of May, 2026, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 27 day of March, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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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, 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
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
HIRAM J. BROWN, JR.,) Case Number: PC2026- 137
Deceased.)

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
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
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

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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

Robert Cluxton
Personal Representative

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

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 23 day of March, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: The Estate of)
PHILLIP JEREMY COX) CASE NO.: PC 2026 - 138
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Leslie Rena Cox, as Administratrix of the Estate of Phillip Jeremy Cox, deceased, on the 2nd day of April, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Leslie Rena Cox

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

Attorney for Administratrix

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: **Monday, April 27 2026 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: **Edgefield Holdings, LLC**
vs.
Danny Ponder
5935 County Road 1114
Vinemont, AL 35179

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Jacqueline Anderson Smith, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Danny Ponder, to the property, described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the South Quarter, Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, thence South 0°00" East a distance of 667 feet to a point, said point being on the North right of way of Alabama Highway #157; thence South 52° 14' East a distance of 410 feet to the true point of beginning; thence South 52° 14" East a distance of 410 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continue along said right of way a distance of 435 feet to a point where County paved road intersects said right of way; thence North 13° 25' East along County road a distance of 345 feet to a point; thence South 89° 25' West a distance of 436 feet to a point; thence South 0° 00' East a distance of 59 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being situated in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 17, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING: Commence at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence Northerly along the West line of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter a distance of 198 meters, more or less, to the present Northeast right of way line of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence Southeasterly along said present Northeast right of way line a distance of 125 meters, more or less, to the West line of the property herein to be conveyed and the point of beginning; thence Northerly along the West property line a distance of 18 meters, more or less, to the North property line; thence Easterly along said North property line a distance of 57 meters, more or less to a point that is 35 meters northeasterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said project; thence S 51° 09' 22.9" E parallel with the said centerline, distance of 65 meters, more or less, to a point that is 35 meters Northeasterly of an at right angles to said centerline at Stateion 66 + 40; thence Northeasterly along a line a distance of 16 meters, more or less, to a point on the present northwest right of way line of County Road No. 1224 that is northwesterly of and at right angles to the centerline of said road at Station 10 + 55; thence Southwesterly along said present northwest right of way line a distance of 68 meters, more or less, to said present northeast right of way line; thence northwesterly along said present northeast right of way line a distance of 133 meters, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 19 February 2026 in case CV-2010-900261 in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Danny Ponder in and to the above-described real property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 31 day of March, 2026.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage units containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by Legacy Self Storage 106 13th Street SW Cullman, AL 35055 to satisfy a lien on April 22nd 2026, at Time 10:00 A.M. at Storagetreasures.com : Unit # 824 Andrew Brown.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY **OF HANCEVILLE**

Pursuant to the instructions of the City Council of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM, where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against Ordinance No. 2026-6 Amendment to the Zoning Regulations Governing Alternative Financial Services.

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CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, is authorized pursuant to Alabama law to regulate land use and zoning in order to promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that certain Alternative Financial Services establishments, including payday lending, title lending, pawn shops, and check-cashing businesses, may have secondary impacts on surrounding land uses if not appropriately regulated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish reasonable location, spacing, and review standards for Alternative Financial Services establishments within the B-2 General Business District to ensure compatibility with surrounding properties, protect residential areas, and support long-term community planning goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

1.1 Alternative Financial Services Establishment
Any business establishment that provides short-term, high-cost, or collateral-based financial services, including but not limited to payday loans, title loans, pawn transactions, and check-cashing services, whether offered individually or in combination.

1.2 Payday Loan (Deferred Presentment) Business
A business operating in accordance with the Alabama Deferred Presentment Services Act, Chapter 18A of Title 5, Code of Alabama, including the acceptance of checks or electronic debit authorizations in exchange for funds advanced to a customer for a fee.

1.3 Title Loan Business
A business offering short-term loans secured by motor vehicle titles and regulated under the Alabama Pawn Shop Act, Chapter 19A of Title 5, Code of Alabama.

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1.4 Pawn Shop
A business engaged in lending money on the security of pledged personal property, conducted in accordance with Ala. Code § 5-19A-1 et seq.

1.5 Check-Cashing Establishment
A business that cashes checks or negotiable instruments for a fee without requiring customers to maintain a bank account.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS

2.1 Conditional Use Requirement
Alternative Financial Services establishments shall be permitted within the B-2 General Business District **only as a conditional use**, subject to review and approval in accordance with this ordinance and the City of Hanceville Zoning Ordinance.

2.2 Separation From Similar Uses
No Alternative Financial Services establishment shall be located within two thousand (2,000) feet of another Alternative Financial Services establishment, as measured from the primary public entrance of one establishment to the primary public entrance of the other establishment, following the shortest commonly used pedestrian or vehicular travel route along public rights-of-way.

2.3 Separation From Residential Districts
No Alternative Financial Services establishment shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of any property zoned for residential use, as measured from the primary public entrance of the Alternative Financial Services establishment to the primary public entrance of the nearest residential building, as determined by the City, following the shortest commonly used pedestrian or vehicular travel route along public rights-of-way.

2.4 Population-Based Limitation
The total number of Alternative Financial Services establishments permitted within the City shall not exceed one (1) establishment per each distinct type of business for every five thousand (5,000) residents, as determined by the most recent decennial United States Census at the time of application. Population figures shall be applied prospectively and shall not retroactively affect lawfully approved or existing establishments.

2.5 Multiple Services Under One Roof
Any business location offering multiple Alternative Financial Services shall be considered a single establishment for spacing purposes but shall be counted separately for each type of service for purposes of the population-based limitation.

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2.6 Prohibition of Outdoor Storage
Outdoor storage of merchandise, vehicles, equipment, or collateral of any kind is prohibited on the premises of an Alternative Financial Services establishment.

2.7 Measurement Determination

All distance measurements required by this Section shall be determined by the City. Such determinations shall be final for purposes of application review and enforcement.

SECTION 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

3.1 Planning Commission Review
The Planning Commission shall review all applications for conditional use approval of Alternative Financial Services establishments and shall evaluate such applications based on the following criteria:
a. Compliance with all separation and location requirements of this ordinance;
b. Compatibility with surrounding land uses and zoning districts;
c. Traffic, parking, and access considerations;
d. Potential impacts on nearby residential areas; and
e. Consistency with the City's comprehensive planning objectives.

3.2 City Council Oversight
Following Planning Commission review and action, the City Council shall be notified of the Planning Commission's decision. Final approval of the conditional use shall be issued administratively in accordance with the Planning Commission's action and the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

4.1 Violations
Any Alternative Financial Services establishment operating in violation of this ordinance shall be deemed in violation of the City of Hanceville Zoning Ordinance.

4.2 Notice and Opportunity to Cure
Upon determination that a violation exists, the City shall provide written notice to the property owner and/or business operator describing the violation and allowing a reasonable period of time to cure the violation, consistent with due process requirements.

4.3 Administrative Remedies
If a violation is not cured within the time provided, the City may take one or more of the following actions, as permitted by law:
a. Denial, suspension, or revocation of any zoning approval, business license,

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or certificate of occupancy related to the establishment;
b. Withholding or denial of future permits or approvals; and
c. Initiation of civil enforcement proceedings, including injunctive relief, in the appropriate court of jurisdiction.

4.4 Cumulative Remedies
The remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive, and the City may pursue any lawful remedy available to enforce compliance with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. LEGAL NONCONFORMING USES (GRANDFATHER CLAUSE)

Any Alternative Financial Services establishment lawfully operating within the City of Hanceville prior to the adoption of this ordinance shall be considered a legal nonconforming use. Such nonconforming use may continue provided that the business remains in continuous operation, the footprint, intensity, or scope of operations is not expanded, and the business does not relocate without full compliance with current zoning regulations.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, clause, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
Mayor of Hanceville

ATTEST:
_____
City Clerk



LEGALS

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
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

PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE 32-13-1, EARLS BODY SHOP INC. WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ON SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE VOLLOWING VEHICLES :

DATE 05-26-2026
TIME 7:00: AM
LOCATION: 2251 DECATUR AVE NW
CULLMAN AL 35058

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2013	HYUNDAI	ELANTRA GLS	KMHDH4AE8DU526561
2004	MITSUBISHI	ENDEAVOR	4A4MM21S24E005526
2003	CADILLAC	DEV	1G6KD57Y43U286019

RUN DATES: 04/7/26 AND 04/14/2026

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

Obituary Announcements: April 4-6

Mary E. Shikle, 86
Funeral Service for Mary E Shikle, age 86 of Cullman, was at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Eugene Loyd officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation was from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Shikle passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born Saturday, Oct. 14, 1939, in Cullman, Alabama, to Albert Henry Kimbril and Rosie Bell Kimbril. She was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband of 64 years, Frank Shikle; brothers, Earl Kimbril, Tommy Kimbril, and Lee Kimbril; sisters, Louise Hyatt and Mae Helms; son-in-law, Joe Spradlin; and daughter-in-law, Sandy Shikle. Survivors include her children, Lisa Spradlin, Darren (Donna Dunn) Shikle, Delane (Cathy Heald) Shikle, and Dale (Valarie) Shikle; grandchildren, Chad (Kristi) Spradlin, Cody Shikle, Jason Spradlin, and Selina (Colton) Strickland; great grandchildren, Keegan and Mason Strickland, Logan and Gage Spradlin, Ella Spradlin, Levi Shikle, McKennzie Myers, Jacie and Jalee Griggs; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Gay Nell Wilhite, 89
Funeral Service for Gay Nell Wilhite, age 89 of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Glenn Miller Ronnie Johnson officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Wilhite passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born, April 6, 1936, to Claude Quarles and Evie Quarles. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Athel Wilhite, 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Survivors include her son, Thomas Wilhite, daughter, Joyce (Mark Hess) Liles; grandchildren, Wesley Liles, Riley Liles, Evie (Riley) Van Wyk, and Kristen Liles; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Roger Dale Edmondson, 67
Roger Dale Edmondson, age 67, passed away on April 2, 2026, born on Nov. 28, 1958, in Alabama and was residing in Cullman, Alabama. Roger was preceded in death by Earston Willard Edmondson and Mable Marie Morgan Edmondson, and is survived by Tia Smallwood (Hal), Daniel SmallWood (Abbi), Will David Smallwood, and several other aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members. Visitation was held Monday, April 6, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, followed by a Celebration of Life Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Burial took place on Monday, April 6, 2026, following the funeral at Corinth West Baptist Church Cemetery. The family requests that, instead of flowers, donations be made to Trinity Baptist Church. To read more or to leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Beverly Lynette Johnson, 49
Beverly Lynette Johnson, age 49 of Vinemont passed away on Friday, April 3, 2026, at Baptist Medical Center - Princeton. She was born, Jan. 4, 1977, to Bernice William Page, Jr. and Linda Murry. She was preceded in death by her father and niece, Keona Page. Survivors include her mother; sister, Bridget Page; friend, Calvin Wright; aunts, Bonnie Walker, and Shelia Cherry; and a host of family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Mary Magdelene Wood Strandlund, 94
Born April 12, 1931 / Died April 1, 2026 / Age 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. A memorial service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church 305 Arnold Street Northeast in Cullman on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 11 a.m. Visitation with the family prior to the service will take place in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. A light reception will be held in the Parish Hall to further greet the family after interment in the columbarium. The family requests that donations be made to the Grace Episcopal Church Flower Fund in lieu of flowers.

Anne R. Lovell, 80
Anne R. Lovell, of Holly Pond, Alabama, was welcomed into Heaven on Saturday evening, April 4, 2026, at the age of 80. Mrs. Anne was born in St. Clair County, Alabama, on December 14, 1945, to the late John H. and Mae E. Owen Smith. Friends are invited to join the Lovell family on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, from 12:30-2 p.m. for a time of visitation. Funeral services will immediately follow visitation, beginning at 2 p.m., with Pastor Earl Harper officiating. All services will be held at Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church, with burial to follow in Holly Pond Cemetery at the conclusion of services where John Fincher, Josh Gibson, Don Smith, Jared Walker, Mike Rainey, and Royce Shad will serve as pallbearers alongside honorary pallbearer, Anakin Myrick. Mrs. Lovell is preceded in death by her parents; brother, John Smith, Jr.; sisters, Erma Mayhall, Marie Mitchell, Vernell Smith, Ola Mae Burns, and Mary Elizabeth Rogers; as well as her oldest granddaughter, Kristin. Those left to cherish Mrs. Anne's memory include her beloved husband of almost forty-three years, Marvin Jimmy Lovell; children, Tommy Eric Lairson (Brenda), Sharon Anne Fincher (John); grandchildren, Beverly (Josh), Kelley, and Katie; great-grandchildren, Emily, Ryleigh, Anakin, and Ava; sister, Joan LaBine; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Anne was a member of Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church where she enjoyed worshiping her Savior alongside her husband, friends, and neighbors. Mrs. Lovell was active in the church as long as her health allowed, and she enjoyed ministering with the ladies of the church in providing meals for various church functions. Anne was devout in her faith, loving her Heavenly Father with unwavering dedication. Her love for her family came from an understanding of the love God had for her as His child. Anne was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who walked through many hard days providing for her children alone before marrying Jimmy. Anne made sure her babies were fed and loved, and they are forever grateful for the sacrifices she made to ensure that they were cared for. Jimmy and Anne provided a loving home for their children, and they were thrilled when grandchildren and great-grandchildren arrived. Mrs. Anne had a green thumb, and she enjoyed cooking for her family from the abundant garden she grew. Her beautiful flowerbeds served as a welcoming invitation to her family as they joined together for visits and family meals with Anne and Jimmy. Anne truly made home special for her family, showing them the love and strength of a devoted wife and mother, and they will miss her greatly. Her legacy of faith, love, and family will be cherished for generations to come. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lovell family, and our prayers are with them as they go through the coming days.

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Hanceville, Alabama 35077
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Festhalle Farmers Market open for the season

Chasady Woods
chasady@cullmantribune.com

The Festhalle Farmers Market returned to the Cullman Warehouse District on Saturday, April 4, 2026. The market had a variety of goods, from fresh produce to crafts. The Foundry Farm, Milly's Pet Bakery, Bradcraft, Simply Lit, Humble Heart Farms, Young & Barely Making It Farm and more vendors gathered to display their inventory.

The market is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. It's located at 209 First Ave NE, Cullman. An ATM is available near the pavilion.



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Mark Young with Young & Barely Making It Farms's pure honey



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Joy and Josie Lamot with Humble Heart Farm, among their goat cheese products

Hanceville Civitan Club hosts Easter Egg Hunt

Chasady Woods
chasady@cullmantribune.com

On Saturday, April 4, 2026, family and friends joined the Hanceville Civitan Club at Veterans Memorial Park for a sunny day of family fun.

The annual egg hunt began at noon, with 8,000 eggs hidden.

Half were filled with candy and half with fun toys for children of all ages.

A few prize eggs were scattered throughout the park for the adventurous to find.



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Sportsman Lake Park hosts annual Easter Egg Hunt

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sportsman Lake Park held its annual Easter Egg Hunt early Saturday morning, April 4. This long-standing tradition keeps growing each year. The free event took place at the park playground and welcomed children of all ages for activities, photos with the Easter Bunny and lots of candy.

"We put this on every year for probably the past 20 years," said Cullman Parks and Recreation Marketing and Events Coordinator Sarah Morgan.

"We always make sure it's a free event. The Easter Bunny is always here to see all the kids and take photos, and we have all age divisions come out and have a good time."

In all, 3,000 eggs were hidden around the playground for kids to find. Even though the eggs didn't have prizes inside, families enjoyed giveaways and connecting with others in the community.

Cullman Regional Medical Center, the event sponsor, hosted a booth and handed out free items.

Besides the egg hunt, families could also enjoy the park's attractions like the train ride and putt-putt golf.

Morgan said more people have been coming each year, with bigger crowds every spring.

"It's gotten bigger and bigger every year," she said. "We're definitely going to have to do something different next year to accommodate everything."



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