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A moment with new UWCC Executive Director Tyler Hooper

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tyler Hooper officially stepped into his role as executive director of the United Way of Cullman County on March 2, 2026.

Hooper said the community has played a significant role in shaping who he is, so having the opportunity to now serve it in this capacity is both an honor and a responsibility he takes seriously.

"I've had the opportunity to engage with United Way events and initiatives over the years, including through Youth Leadership Cullman County and as a former board member of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce," he said. "What has always stood out to me is the sense of community these efforts create. My favorite part is seeing people from all backgrounds come together around a shared purpose — whether that's supporting a fundraiser, volunteering or simply learning more about the work being done. There's a genuine sense that everyone is contributing to » PAGE 5



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Get to know Cullman Christian School



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Principal Heath Yearwood explained that the school's foundation is a Christ-centered approach to education, which he believes makes it unique.

"What I think that is a little different about Cullman Christian is our Christ-centered education first," Yearwood said.

"We do teach from a biblical worldview and that's something we have embedded in each of our areas of curriculum."

He encouraged families interested in enrolling to schedule a campus tour through the school's website, noting that some grades already have waiting lists. "I would encourage you, first of all, to schedule a tour. It allows you to come and see what it looks like at our school, and we think that you're going to really enjoy what you see."

Cullman Christian is a private school that charges tuition, but Yearwood said families can choose from several financial options, including scholarships. He also pointed out that the school offers a variety of academic and extracurricular activities for students to grow and explore.

"We are a classical Christian school," he said. "We teach Latin starting in the third grade and we also do a lot with our arts, our theater. We have a choir, and in the upper school they'll learn to play the piano, guitar."

Part of Alabama High School Athletic Association Class 1A, the school offers sports like cross-country, volleyball, basketball, track and field, golf and archery.

Since Yearwood became principal four years ago, the school has grown from about 180 students to an expected 340 to 350 students next year.

"The Lord's really blessed our school. The challenge is trying to find places to put everybody and meet the needs of our community," he said.

To keep up with this growth, the school has added classroom space through a partnership with Desperation Church and opened a secondary campus at Depot Park for grades 7-12. Yearwood said more expansion is planned, with construction on new classrooms and possibly a lunchroom starting soon.

"We're going to start building 10 rooms and possibly a lunchroom out back if everything plays out like we hope it will," he said.Yearwood said being part of the school has been very meaningful.

"I feel very fortunate to be at Cullman Christian," he said. "The teachers are amazing. Just seeing what they pour in and out of the classroom every day to our kids is amazing."

Learn more at www.cullmanchristian.org.

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Wallace State hosts Jill of All Trades event



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 10, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 6
- theft of property; CR 38
- harassment; CR 768
- harassing communications; CR 974
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 768
- harassing communications; CR 703
- possession of controlled substances; possession of marijuana; CR 1303

April 7
- criminal mischief; CR 505
- theft of property; Water Ave. SE
- obstructing governmental operations; resisting arrest; US. 31
- theft of property; CR 616
- harassing communications; CR 771
- domestic violence; CR 1263
- theft of property; CR 1807
- possession of controlled substances; possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of prescription drugs; CR 1303

April 8
- possession of marijuana; I65SB Exit 299
- dog bite; CR 1628
- dog bite; CR 436
- burglary; criminal mischief; CR 558
- possession of controlled substances; Hwy. 278E
- domestic violence; CR 35
- harassment; CR 671
- possession of marijuana; Welcome Rd.

ARRESTS
April 6-8

Adams, Noah K.; 43
- assault-harassment

Adamson, Michael D.; 40
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – carrying brass knuckles/sling shot

Atchley, Brenda G.; 59
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Barnett, Cecil D.; 39
- burglary-residence-no force
- criminal mischief – damage to private property

Bivins, Shane L.; 50
- permitting dogs to run at large

Brockman, Christi M.; 47
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Clemons, Phillip W.; 52
- DUI (alcohol)

Davis, Dalton B.; 26
- FTA – theft by fraudulent leading

Dean, Reese D.; 19
- assault-harassment

Dial, Dolly F.; 61
- resisting arrest
- FTA - resisting arrest
- obstruction-governmental operations

Ferguson, Donna M.; 55
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Frazier, Jenni L.; 37
- FTA – forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA – possessing forged instrument

Gannon, Adam D.; 26
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Gay, Jr., Everick J.; 27
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Jordan, Brandy M.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Knight, Summer D.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine

Maddox, Dusty G.; 40
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Marshall, Shea M.; 46
- possession of methamphetamine

McDonald, Clarissa A.; 42
- FTA – family offense-NS nonsupport-child

Murphy, Bama S.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- resisting arrest

Penn, Crystal W.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Robertson, Samantha S.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Scott, Bradley R.; 51
- FTA – violation of a domestic violence protection order

Smith, Richard C.; 64
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Wesley E.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Stillwell, Logan J.; 28
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann, David L.; 52
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Williams, Walter A.; 38
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 5
- burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; damaged property; McNabb Dr. SW

April 6
- theft of property-4th degree; Shoe Show; shoes; $60; Marktplatz Ctr. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $358; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence – criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; Nunnelley Ave. SW

April 7
- domestic violence-2nd degree – criminal mischief-1st degree; person; damaged property; $4,350; 10th St. SE
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; City of Cullman; damaged property; $250; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $125; Olive St. SW

April 8
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $110; Hwy. 157

April 9
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $65; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS
April 6-9

Marshall, Shea M.; 46
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA – run stop sign
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – expired tag

Murphy, Bama S.; 41
- organized retail theft

Williams, Shayla C.; 31
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Hall, James G.; 54
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Wolford, Ayla E.; 33
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Seals, Sharon D.; 52
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Stricklin, Jr., Emil W.; 59
- FTA – no seat belt

Santiz, Romelia L.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree

Bevington, Ronald E.; 57
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Walker, Travis R.; 27
- FTA – no tag

Billeaud, Tanya T.; 43
- theft of property-4th degree

Cloud, Brayden X.; 24
- GJ – retail theft of property-2nd degree (2 counts)

Maddox, Dusty G.; 40
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – DUI (controlled substance)
- FTA – driving without license

Givens, Jason H. 48
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – DUI

Baker, Frank R.; 51
- public intoxication

Earwood, Trinity L.; 30
- false reporting to law enforcement

McIntosh, Travis T.; 40
- resisting arrest
- obstructing governmental operations

Marcy Sandra A.; 21
- theft of property-4th degree

Bryant, Raley M.; 19
- theft of property-4th degree

Wright, Keith L.; 26
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

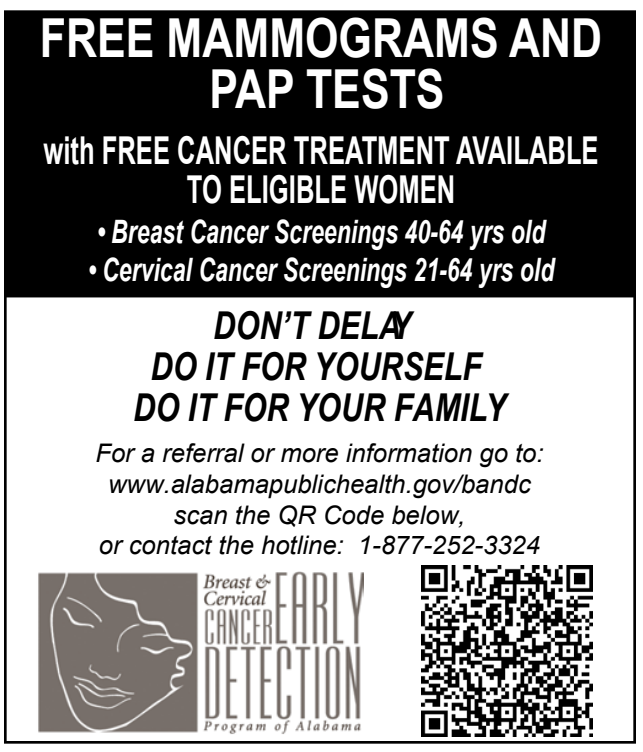
HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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







Walk (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sacred Heart School at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church is sponsoring a fundraising walk from the church's mission church, St. Boniface in Hanceville, to the main church and school in Cullman on Sunday, April 12. The walk will begin at 2 p.m., and shuttles will begin leaving Sacred Heart for Hanceville at 12:45 p.m.

Sacred Heart Pastor Fr. Linus Klucsaritz told The Tribune, "Over 100 walkers have collected sponsors and raised money to support the school endowment, improve school security and purchase some new equipment. In addition to the walkers there is a small army of volunteers from relief drivers, registration and T-shirt organizers, and those staffing relief stations."

Sacred Heart School Principal Shawna Norman said, "We do not walk alone; we are part of a community. Sacred Heart School is joining together with members of our parish and community in a walk to support the school . This is not only a fundraiser, but an opportunity to engage our families and strengthen community relationships. The funding will be used to enhance safety and add extra resources for our students. We are excited for the support shown for the school!"

At a glance
- Sacred Heart School fundraising walk from Hanceville to Cullman
- Sunday, April 12, starting at 2 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Hanceville
- Shuttles depart from the Sacred Heart Church family life center in Cullman starting at 12:45 p.m. to transport walkers to Hanceville.
- Relief vehicles and stations will be available for those whose spirits are more willing than their feet.

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Trades (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College hosted the first-ever Jill of All Trades event in Alabama on Friday, April 10. Hosted across the campus, the one-day event was a hands-on career exploration program designed to introduce young women to high-demand skilled trades such as manufacturing, construction, transportation and more through a mix of instruction and interactive experiences.

Wallace State Regional Workforce Director and Director of Work-Based Learning Audrey Webb said, "The purpose of this event today is really to get these young women to see all the different opportunities that they have. I think that it's so important...to really see what all was out there."

Many female students have historically had limited exposure to skilled trades, often only hearing about a narrow selection of career paths.

By providing access to multiple disciplines in one setting, the event allowed participants to better understand the opportunities available and make informed decisions about their futures.

"There's not a lot of women in the field still today, but it is growing," Webb said. "As we let young women see other women in these roles, it gives them a better opportunity and a better understanding of what they can do."

Students visited different sessions that began with brief overviews of each field before transitioning into hands-on activities like working with tools, equipment and technology used in real-world settings, giving them a clearer picture of what careers in the trades might involve.

Events like this challenge outdated perceptions about who belongs in these industries. While women remain underrepresented in many skilled trades, their presence is steadily growing and encouraging younger generations. Seeing female instructors and professionals in these roles can help them envision themselves in similar careers.

In addition to learning about the trades, visitors learned about the financial and entrepreneurial potential in them.

According to Webb, many careers in these fields can lead to high-paying opportunities, including six-figure salaries, often with shorter training periods such as one- or two-year programs.

Micaela Campbell, operations coordinator for Jill of All Trades North America, said the initiative began in 2014 at Conestoga College in Kitchener, Ontario, as a single-day event and has since expanded significantly.

"Jill of All Trades is an initiative to encourage young women to pursue or explore future career pathways in the trades, especially in those trades that are in demand," Campbell said.

Campbell said the program now includes approximately 35 events across North America, with most taking place in Canada. The initiative focuses on addressing the growing demand for skilled workers while encouraging more young women to consider entering the trades, where participation has historically increased slowly.

The program expanded into the States three years ago, and operates as a nonprofit initiative supported by North American sponsors. Despite its growth, organizers share a goal to maintain a consistent experience across all locations.

Looking ahead, there is strong interest in continuing and expanding the program, both locally and through partnerships with other institutions. Campbell said she hopes to see similar events offered at additional colleges within the Alabama Community College System.

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Expo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will host its fourth annual Cullman Family Expo Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

Expo Chair Jennifer Hodges said this is a free community event that is rain or shine and a celebration of family and community.

"Admission is completely free, and the event is open to all families and individuals in the Cullman area and beyond," Hodges said.

"Now in its fourth year, the Cullman Family Expo has grown into one of the region's most beloved community gatherings — a lively, inclusive day filled with fun, food and meaningful connections. This year's event promises to be the biggest yet, with something for every member of the family."

Hodges said this year they will have real storm chasing vehicles, which will be on display on the arena floor inside the ag center.

"This will give families a rare, up-close look at the equipment used to track Alabama's severe weather for James Spann and FOX Weather's newscasts," she said.

"Kids will delight in meeting their favorite superheroes, princesses and beloved movie characters in costume, who will roam the event greeting children with hugs and high-fives throughout the day. Kids can also bounce and play on indoor inflatables, including a giant dual-lane slide and a bounce house designed for younger children."

Hodges said outside, DJ Justin Pace will keep the energy high all day long with live music and karaoke, creating a festive atmosphere the whole family can enjoy.

"Attendees will find a wide variety of indoor and outdoor vendors and exhibitors, including arts and crafts vendors and many local nonprofit organizations offering valuable resources on food security, health care and specialty services for children with unique needs," she said.

"Many vendors and exhibitors will be giving out freebies and promotional items throughout the day. Several food trucks will be onsite serving up a diverse lineup of foods and sweet treats, including gumbo, fried seafood, authentic Mexican cuisine and street corn, hot dogs, corn dogs, nachos and fries, as well as ice cream, shaved ice, coffee and specialty drinks."

Hodges said the Cullman Family Expo is the signature annual fundraiser of the CDC PTO, with all proceeds benefiting the Cullman County CDC — a school dedicated to serving children with unique needs.

"Past expos have raised thousands of dollars for the CDC, and this year's event continues that tradition of community generosity," Hodges said.

"The fourth annual Cullman Family Expo is made possible through the generous support of community-minded businesses and organizations. Traditions Bank returns as Platinum Sponsor for the second year. They are joined by Imagine ABA Therapy, DJ/JP, Encore Rehabilitation, Premier Bank of the South, S'more Smiles Pediatric Dentistry, Alabama Tornado Tracker and the United Way of Cullman County."

For more information, visit cdcpto.com or Facebook/Cullman Family Expo or contact Jennifer Hodges at cdclionspto@gmail.com.

The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center is located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, AL 35058.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend Clean-up Announcement
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. Please have all worn flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 26. Any flowers and decorations remaining after April 26 will be subject to removal by cemetery maintenance with respect to condition. We ask that all new flowers and decorations be kept as close to the monuments as possible to aid in mowing. Donations to the cemetery can be sent to Good Hope Public Cemetery, P.O. Box 355 Cullman, AL 35056 and are tax deductible and help us to pay for cemetery upkeep. Thank you.

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 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.
• Wednesday, April 15 – 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 17 – 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 18 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, April 19 – 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 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!

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

Fallin and Swidecki earn MVP honors; West Point's boys and Cold Springs' girls run away with 2026 Cullman County titles

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Fairview's Nic Fallin (left) and Cold Springs' Reese Swidecki (right)

BREMEN, Ala. — The 2026 Cullman County outdoor track championship was held at Cold Springs high school on Wednesday.

In the boys competitions, West Point ran away with a 170 point victory to repeat as county champions. Senior Asa Sutter earned three gold medals in the triple jump, 110mH and 300mH. In the 300 meter hurdle, Sutter broke his coach's (Hunter Appling) county record with a 41.19 second mark. Another Warrior, sophomore Rush Lamar, finished with a gold medal in the 200m run and silver medals in the 100m and 400m runs.

The boys MVP award went to Fairview's Nic Fallin, who finished with gold medals in the pole vault and long jump (set new personal records in both), and silver medals in the 110mH and high jump.

Magnificent as always was Holly Pond's Daniel Figueroa, who took gold in the 100m para, 200m para, discus throw para and javelin throw para.

Boys Leaderboard

1. West Point – 170
2. Good Hope – 141
3. Cold Springs – 113
4. Fairview – 106
5. Holly Pond – 104
6. Vinemont – 57
7. Hanceville – 2

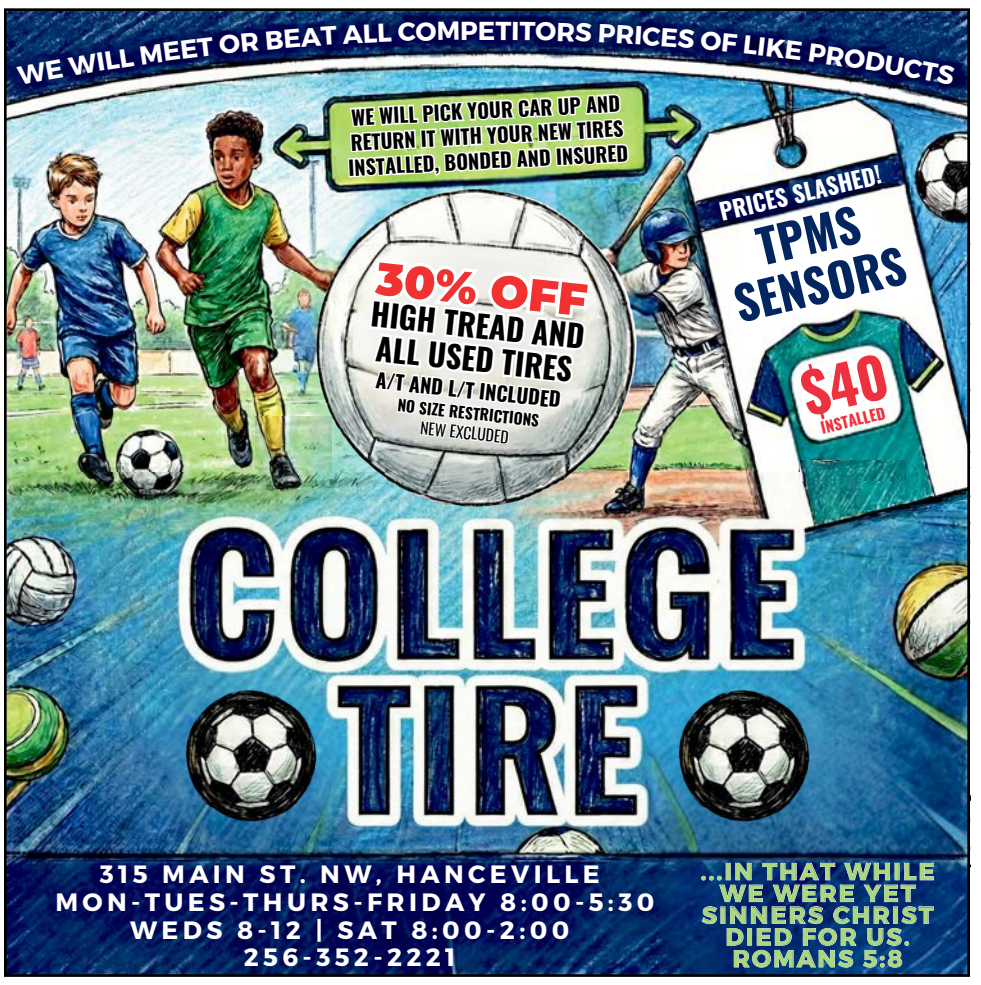
The girls saw a repeat champion as well, as Cold Springs girls put on a dominant 218-point performance. The Eagles were led by the girls MVP, eighth grader Reese Swidecki, who recorded four gold medals and 40 points of her own on the day. Senior Ella Dickerson had a day as well, earning a gold in the triple jump, silvers in the 100mH and high jump and a bronze in the 300mH, good for 32 individual points.

In second place, Good Hope saw standout performances from senior Cadence Watson and junior Sammie Johns.

Watson finished with a gold in the 300mH and two bronze medals in the 100mH and pole vault. Johns earned a silver in the 100m run and was part of the silver medal 4×100 relay team.

Girls Leaderboard

1. Cold Springs – 218
2. Good Hope – 133.5
3. Fairview – 97
4. Vinemont – 80
5. West Point – 76
6. Holly Pond – 53.5
7. Hanceville – 17



PREP BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Scores and stats for April 9

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BASEBALL

• Cold Springs 8, Winston Co. 5 – **Batting:** C. Johnson 3-4, 1 RBI **Pitching:** C. Johnson 6.0 IP, 5 R, 1 ER, 5 K

• Cullman 6, Jasper 1 – **Batting:** J. Inman 2-3 (HR x2), 3 RBI **Pitching:** M. Carver 7.0 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 6 K, W

• Cullman 10, Jasper 2 – **Batting:** K. Mauldin 2-4 (HR x2), 2 RBI **Pitching:** G. Wright 6.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 11 K, W

• Fairview 14, Guntersville 0 – **Batting:** C. Nelson 2-4 (2B), 4 RBI **Pitching:** T. Isbell 5.0 IP, 1 H, 0 ER, 5 K, W

• West Morgan 5, Good Hope 4 – **Batting:** C. Rutherford 3-5 (2B x2), 1 RBI **Pitching:** C. Kilpatrick 5.1 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 3 K

• Meek 14, Hanceville 11 – **Batting:** A. Benson (Meek) 3-4 (2B x2), 2 RBI – E. Herrera (Hance.) 2-5 (3B), 3 RBI **Pitching:** C. Fincher 3.0 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 1 K, W

• West Point 5, Priceville 3 – **Batting:** B. Freeman 3-4 (HR), 1 RBI **Pitching:** B. Freeman 6.0 IP, 5 H, 1 ER, 5 K, W

• Priceville 16, West Point 8 – **Batting:** D. Cleghorn 2-4 (2B), 2 RBI **Pitching:** C. Howard 3.2 IP, 3 ER, 5 K

SOFTBALL

• Meek 7, Dora 6 – **Batting:** J. Williams 1-4 (Walk-off single), 2 RBI **Pitching:** S. Farley 7.0 IP, 6 R, 7 K, W





CLAIRE PILCHER/ CULLMAN SWIM ASSOCIATION

CSA group at a Nashville competition

Cullman Swim Association wraps up competitive season after pair competes at NCSA championships

Claire Pilcher
Cullman Swim Association

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Swim Association (CSA) wrapped up their competitive swim season at the end of March after participating in meets held in Huntsville, Madison, Birmingham, Nashville, Atlanta and Orlando. The USA short course swim team has trained and put in long hours from September to March and put Cullman on the map with their outstanding results under the guidance of head coach Carson Glasscock and assistant coaches Charis Peek and Maddie Long. Our championship meets include the following:

The Region 3 Championship for the 10 & unders was held in Birmingham in February at the Crossplex. Cullman's own Emri Lackey was the high point winner for the girls 8 & under with 58 points.

NOTABLE TOP 8 INDIVIDUAL FINISHES INCLUDE:

Girls 8 and under

• Emri Lackey: 1st place 100 IM, 1st place 50 breaststroke, 2nd place 25 back, 2nd place 25 free, 2nd place 50 back, 2nd place 50 fly, 3rd place 25 fly and 3rd place 25 breaststroke

• Amellia Powell: 3rd place 50 breaststroke, 7th place 50 free, 8th place 25 fly and 8th place 25 back

Boys 10 and under

• Guy Caffey: 1st place 200 free, 1st place 100 breaststroke, 2nd place 50 breaststroke, 5th place 100 IM, 6th place 50 free and 8th place 50 fly

Girls 10 and under

• Brooklyn Pate: 3rd place 200 free and 5th place 100 fly

Thirteen swimmers with qualifying times represented CSA in Swim Atlanta's Best of the South Championship Swim Meet.

TOP 16 FINISHES INCLUDE:

Boys 10 and under

• Guy Caffey: 4th place 50 breaststroke, 5th place 100 free, 6th place 100 breaststroke, 6th place 200 free, 7th place 100 IM and 10th place 50 free

• Abram Lackey: 2nd place 50 back, 2nd place 50 free, 2nd place 100 back, 3rd place 100 IM, 3rd place 100 free, 4th place 200 free, 4th place 200 IM and 4th place 50 fly

Girls 10 and under

• Hannah Thigpen: 13th place 50 back and 15th place 100 back

Boys 13-14

• Briar Lackey: 13th place 50 free

Ten swimmers with qualifying times represented CSA in the Southeastern Winter Short Course Championships held in Huntsville. This meet includes qualifiers from all USAS teams in Tennessee, Alabama, and northern Florida.

TOP 16 FINISHES FOR CSA INCLUDE:

Boys 10 and under

• Guy Caffey: 3rd place 200 free, 4th place 50 breaststroke, 5th place 100 free, 8th place 50 free and 9th place 100 IM

• Abram Lackey: 1st place 200 IM, 2nd place 50 back, 2nd place 50 fly, 3rd place 50 free, 3rd place 100 back and 3rd place 100 IM

Girls 11-12

• Lauren Hughes: 5th place 50 breaststroke, 9th place 100 breaststroke and 16th place 100 IM

Boys 13-14

• Briar Lackey: 13th place 100 free, 15th place 50 back and 16th place 50 free

Girls 15 and over

• Edie Hudson: 11th place 50 breaststroke

Only 2 CSA swimmers qualified for the NCSA Age Group Swimming Championships held in Orlando, Florida, at the Rosen Aquatic Center where Olympic legends such as Katie Ledecky and Michael Phelps continue to hold records. Georgia Dowdy made qualifying times in the 50, 100, and 200 backstroke. Lauren Hughes made qualifying times in the 50 breaststroke, 50 fly, 100 breaststroke, and 100 IM. Both girls enjoyed swimming against other elite swimmers from all over the United States.

All CSA swimmers are looking forward to celebrating a successful season with these outstanding accomplishments at their annual swim banquet held in April.



Director (from Front)

something bigger than themselves."

Hooper shared that one thing that excites him most about United Way is its ability to bring people together to create meaningful, lasting impact.

"We are in a unique position to support a network of 18 partner agencies and programs that address real needs across Cullman and Winston counties every single day," he said. "I'm especially energized by the opportunity to grow that impact — strengthening relationships, increasing community awareness, expanding our reach and ensuring that every dollar invested through United Way is stewarded strategically to meet the greatest needs in our community."

Right now, the UWCC's focus is on building momentum — deepening partnerships, increasing engagement and growing fundraising efforts in a sustainable way.

"We recently hosted our 2026 Crawfish Boil, which was a tremendous success and is already on track to surpass last year's fundraising totals," Hooper said.

"Events like this are a great example of how our community shows up for one another. I especially want to thank Hank's Sports Bar & Rumors Deli for hosting and partnering with us in such a meaningful way, along with Jubilee Kitchen and Bar and Seven Daughters Scoops for creating specialty food and beverage items that directly supported our work and the 18 partner agencies we fund. Looking ahead, we're preparing for our annual Designer Bag Bingo on Nov. 12, presented by Listerhill Credit Union — one of our most anticipated events of the year, and we expect it to be our biggest yet. Tickets will go on sale later this year. We'll also host Stuff the Bus this summer to support local students, as well as our Day of Giving in September, which offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for those who want to get involved and give back."

Hooper grew up in Hanceville on a horse and cattle farm, and is a graduate of Sacred Heart and St. Bernard Prep.

"My roots in this community run deep," he said. "My father, the late Granville Hooper, brought Webb Wheel to Cullman as the first company in the city's original industrial park in the early 1980s. My career has been centered in nonprofit fundraising and community engagement. I began at REV Birmingham, later served as chief development and alumni officer at St. Bernard and then as director of development at The Birmingham Promise, where I helped support a $9 million operating budget and a $10 million endowment. Now, I have the privilege of leading United Way here at home, which is truly the greatest honor of my career. I've always been drawn to work that connects people to meaningful causes. Outside of work, I value time with my mother and friends, as well as staying connected to the community that has invested so much in me. That personal connection is a big part of why this role matters so deeply."

The United Way's impact is truly community-driven, according to Hooper.

"Our funding decisions are made through a volunteer-led allocation process, where community members evaluate needs, conduct site visits and help determine how resources are distributed," he said.

"That means when you support United Way, you're not just giving to one organization — you're investing in a network of vetted programs working together to strengthen Cullman and Winston counties and improve quality of life for all. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve in this role, and I'm excited about what we can accomplish together as a community."

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council at is April 9 meeting addressed online registration for youth parks and recreation league sports.

Council members voted to use Jarvis Recreation Management registration management software as a way to make signups more efficient.

In comparison, there were three in-person signups this year. The council said using online registration would make it easier for parents and caregivers, who would normally have to be at a sign-up location by 4:30 p.m.

The online system can also be used for pavilion rentals, with any refunds also issued through Jarvis. The system also offers a point-of-sale functionality for concessions, etc. Additionally, it can send mass updates when games are canceled to those who are registered that day.

"We can also set a hyperlink on our website and link it for park and recreation so the calendar may be embedded," Councilman Robert Powell stated. "This would streamline everything so they don't have to come here to do it, but they still could if needed."

The council reminded residents of the Free Landfill Pick-up days April 13-16, as part of the 2026 Spring Clean-up. All items must be out by 6 a.m. on April 16. Items that cannot be picked up are gas tanks, paint, batteries, household garbage, hazardous waste, tires and shingles.

Councilwoman Jana Shelton brought attention to the need for volunteers to help with local seniors.

"I just want to let everyone know that the Cullman Commission on Aging and all the senior citizen sites are having trouble getting volunteers," she said.

She said Meals on Wheels is at a critical stage at this time and urged the public to reach out to the Commission on Aging. She said anyone who would like to volunteer or knows someone who would like to should visit cullmancoa.com or call 256-734-1241.

Mayor Nolan Bradford gave an update on repairs on the Commercial Street bridge. He said repairs are estimated to be $26,800 to make it structurally sound, but shared, "Our insurance is going to cover it." Bradford moved on to a feasibility study for dredging Mud Creek.

"(Public Works Operations Manager) Rusty (Fields) and I met with engineers a month and a half ago and, if we submit this form, they will spend $100,000 on a feasibility study to see how much it would cost to do that," said the mayor. "In the 80s they dressed it up at certain points and stopped. This would finish it."

He said that, depending on what was found, the city would have to cover the cost, but would not be obligated to at that time if not within the budget.

"It needs to be done," Bradford said, stressing that until it is in budget, the feasibility study would help with insight on the situation.

The council turned its attention to police surplus items for Wallace State.

"There were rifle stands with locks on it; they wanted two of those," Bradford said.

He told the council that if they voted to surplus and there are additional items needed, it will be handled at the next council meeting.

The council also discussed a Wallace State Community College Future Foundation scholarship established in 2018. "This is just to continue this scholarship through Wallace State," Bradford noted.

The annual Grilled Cheese Festival will close Commercial, Church, Blountsville and Bangor Streets on May 23, 2026.

The council introduced Ordinance 2026-7 to vacate Sherry Street. There will be a public hearing at the next council meeting.

"The phone system is the next item," Bradford started. "We can take everything out and start fresh or we can keep what we've got."

He told the council that the contract review will take place in May. Powell voted that the matter be tabled.

The council also voted to accept fencing bids for all five fields at C.W. Day Park. Bids must be submitted by April 30, 2026.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will take place Thursday, April 23, at 6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

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2018	Nissan	Sentra (White)	VIN 3N1AB7AP7JY306190
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2006	Ford	Focus (Red)	VIN 1FAHP34N46W218069
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2008	Pontiac	G8 (black)	VIN 6G2ER57728L135218
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These vehicles will be sold on May 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
ROWAN LUKE BURNS,) CASE NO. 25-JU-2026-000096.01
)
A MINOR CHILD.)
)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

REBECCA BURNS, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by John Burns and/or other relief by May 18, 2026, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in regard to case number JU-2026-96.01, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

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Done this the 8 day of April, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

Done this 25th day of March, 2026

Lisa McSwain
LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA **PROBATE COURT**
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: PC2022337**

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CLELLAN EARL GRIMMETT, SR.,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PAPER PUBLICATION

To: DONNA MARIE GRIMMETT, ANDREW CARSON GRIMMETT AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTITES

Petition for Removal of Personal Representative/Executrix and Petition to Grant Letters Upon Vacancy, filed in the Cullman County Probate Court on the 11th day of March 2026, and made court record on the 16th day of March 2026, filed by Wanda Randolph, the Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, Jerri D. Grisham, has been set for the **28th day of May, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate. Hearing will take place at the Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Done this the 2nd day of April, 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 Proof of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Jerri D. Grisham
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given that the Cullman City Council will meet in public session at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026, in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium in Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, to consider the approval of an economic development agreement (commonly known as a "772 Agreement") pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Alabama, including, without limitation, Section 94.01 of the Constitution of Alabama 2022 (formerly codified as Amendment No. 722 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended), with Rural King Realty LLC for the development of a new Rural King Store (approximately 90,000 square feet) in the city limits of Cullman, Alabama. The proposed project has a capital investment of $14,000,000 and is located near 309 Olive Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 on approximately nine acres of vacant land. This agreement would authorize the City to provide certain public incentives, including but not limited to the use of public funds or resources for site improvements, infrastructure, or other economic development assistance, in exchange for the economic benefits associated with the project, such as job creation, increased tax revenues, and significant commercial development. The Cullman City Council has determined that the proposed economic development agreement serves a valid public purpose by promoting the economic and industrial development in the City of Cullman, Alabama. This proposed economic development agreement excludes any type of tax rebates or tax abatement. All interested citizens are invited to attend. The full text of the proposed economic development agreement (commonly known as a "772 Agreement") is available for public inspection during normal business hours of the office of the City Clerk in Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.
Published this 11th day of April, 2026.
Wesley Moore - Cullman City Clerk

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

1994 GMC Yukon 1GKEK18K1RJ732970

The vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Head Hoggers LLC, 222 Arkadelphia Rd NE, Hanceville, AL 35077
May 15,2026 at 12:00 pm

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

2017 Chev Spark VIN#KL8CD6SA1HC743800

If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752

VALUATION NOTICE

The appraised valuations of all property listed for taxation in Cullman County have been fixed as provided by law and filed in my office according to Sec. 40-30-20, 1975 Code of Alabama. The Board of Equalization and Adjustment will hear protest on any of these valuations provided these protests are filed in writing by May 22, 2026.

Barry Willingham, ACTA

Revenue Commissioner

Board Secretary

Cullman County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
W.G.L.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 3/2/2018
CASE NO.: PC 2026-140

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: JONATHAN PAUL LYNN, A.K.A. JONATHON PAUL LYNN, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO KRISTA SNIDER KNOWN AS W.G.L.

Petition for Name Change of Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Tim Snider and Jerri Snider, Petitioners. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF April, 2026.

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

Michael L. Thornton
Attorney for the Petitioners
409 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DENISE WEISSEND, Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC 2026-133**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JACOB MORROW, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DENISE WEISSEND, 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.

Jacob Morrow
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Estate
200 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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.

Lajuana Durbin
Personal Representatives

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORA NELL HUGHES, Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC 2026-083**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to NORA FAYE RILEY, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of LORA NELL HUGHES, deceased, on the 30th 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.

Nora Faye Riley
Personal Representatives

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

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Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
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WILLIAM RONALD PARKER) CASE NO.: PC2025-247
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Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF WILLIAM ALLEN PARKER FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM RONALD PARKER, DECEASED, and AMENDED PETITION
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL,
MOTION TO DISMISS and NOTICE TO COURT, and
MOTION TO DISALLOW PETITIONER FROM BEING APPOINTED PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

This cause is before the Court upon the following filings:

By Attorney Annette Irons Parker for William Allen Parker, Petitioner:
- *Petition of William Allen Parker for Letters of Administration of the Estate of William Ronald Parker, Deceased*
- *Amended Petition of William Allen Parker for Letters of Administration of the Estate of William Ronald Parker, Deceased*
- *Motion to Dismiss* and *Notice to Court*
- *Motion to Disallow Petitioner from Being Appointed Personal Representative*

By Attorney Matthew K. Carter for Timothy Bryan Parker, Petitioner:
- *Petition for Probate of Will*

By Attorney Trent Lowry
- *Notice of Appearance* as attorney of record.

A HEARING HAS BEEN SET FOR THE 30th DAY OF JUNE, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M., at the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of April, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOHNNY BENSON NESMITH, * CASE NO.: PC2025-268
Deceased. *

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Josh Brooks, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHNNY BENSON NESMITH, deceased, on the 1st day of April, 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.

Josh Brooks
Personal Representative

June Brooks
Attorney for the Estate of Johnny Benson Nesmith
P.O. Box 73
Cullman, AL 35056-0073

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TIMES

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 1st day of April, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARK STEVEN HAYMON, CASE NO.: PC 2024-196
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TONYA C. PALMER as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARK STEVEN HAYMON, deceased, on the 8th day of April, 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.

Tonya C. Palmer
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Estate
Palmer Law Firm, LLC
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT**
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO. PC 2024-236**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HOWARD DENNIS MALLORY, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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THE ESTATE OF HOWARD DENNIS MALLORY, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Mallory Elizabeth Caldwell on the 10th day of April, 2026, by the Honorable 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.

Mallory Elizabeth Caldwell Personal Representative (Administrator),

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
P. O. Box 398
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I've never been to Oklahoma, but I've been to Spain

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Yes, I know the songs says, "Well, I've never been to Spain, but I've been to Oklahoma," but the opposite is now true for me. I have now visited Spain and every state on every side of Oklahoma, but not Oklahoma. Eventually, I'll get to Oklahoma and Delaware to complete my 50 states. I must say that Spain was special and spectacular.

I know we've heard that the rain in Spain falls mainly on the plains. We spent most of our first week in Spain traveling along the Mediterranean coast in the southern region known as Andalusia. No, not Andalusia, Alabama, but the city in Alabama was named after the region of Spain.

Although the forecast included rain for every day, fortunately, it must have fallen on the plains because we saw very little of the wet stuff along the coast.

What we did see were stunning and amazing sites. Our first full day of site-seeing took us back to the city of Malaga. We had flown into Malaga from Madrid, but were too tired and jet-lagged then to care about seeing anything. After a good night's rest, we backtracked to Malaga the next day. There we found beautiful ancient architecture, markets and people. Malaga is one of the oldest cities in Western Europe and believed to be close to 3,000 years old. With a population of around 600,000, it is the second-largest city in Andalusia. It was the birthplace of Pablo Picasso.

The famous artist spent most of his adult life in France, but grew up in Spain, including his first 10 years in Malaga. His footprint, through his art, is still quite visible throughout the city.

We spent the morning in Malaga walking the cobblestone streets with a local guide. We visited the colorful downtown market, which teemed with fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as all kinds of meat. The legs of lamb were not quite as tempting to me as the strawberries that were about the size of small apples.

One of my favorite parts of the trip took place that afternoon. Our tour company had prearranged for some local families of Malaga to host small groups of us in their homes for lunch. Somehow, I managed to be the only male in our lunch group of nine ladies.

I have had the privilege of visiting in local homes on international mission trips before and always loved that interaction. Daniel and his wife Grace welcomed us into their home like we were old friends. Daniel was a policeman with the port authority. Once we discovered his occupation, we managed to mind our manners and be on our best behavior!

He and Grace were indeed gracious hosts. Their youngest of their seven joined us for lunch. Like most meals in Spain, we began with tapas and bread with olive oil and balsamic.

Although our host has never visited the states, I noticed one of the wooden charcuterie boards for the tapas was in the shape of the state of New Jersey.

I assumed it might have been gift from a previous American guest. Jean and I took them one of my hand-crafted walnut-and-oak tick-tac-toe games. The main course was pork tenderloins and patatas alioli.

The patatas reminded me somewhat of our potato salad but without boiled egg. We completed our meal with scrumptious ice-cream cake and coffee that was so strong that I may not have been old enough to drink it. Just before we left, their other children completed our visit by coming home from school.

What lovely and gracious new friends we made that day!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: April 11, 1946

From the files of April 11, 1946

Notes Of A Cullman High Senior . . .

Mrs. Henry Arnold, who is famous for her book reviews, was guest speaker in assembly on Monday when she gave a review of Farmer Takes a Wife by John Gould. 'Twas quite amusing and we hope she will come again in the future.

Excited seniors received their calling cards, invitations and Senior Memory Books this week. Everybody wrote in everybody else's books and exchanged cards in the same manner.

One girl was chosen from each Junior and Senior home room this week to be selected as queen from C. H. S. to participate in the Strawberry festival in May. The student body voted on Monday as to the one who will represent C. H. S. along with those from the other county high schools.

Several of the younger set of the Vinemont Baptist Church enjoyed a picnic on the picnic grounds of Holmes Swimming Pool at Vinemont.

Games and picnic lunch were enjoyed by the following, Betty Goodwin, Doris Thompson, Vera McClain, Earline Coopock, Margie Nell Thompson, Joy Lou Bradford, Javette Yeager and Messers James Goodwin, Heu Gean Adams, Bill McClain, Cranford Thompson, Timothy Adams, Charlie Goodwin, Bob McClain, Leo Andrews, Jerry Bradford, Oscar Pace and Harold Brown, Chaperones were Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mrs. Jewel Pace and Mrs. W. R. Bradford.

Juniors and Seniors enjoyed the Junior-Senior Tacky Party on Friday night. Games and dancing filled the evening and refreshments served. The gym was beautifully decorated in crepe paper, balloons and flowers. Toward the latter—box candy was given to those girls and boys winning as tackiest. The girl winning first place was Vera McClain, second place went to Mildred Jetton. Boys winning were Elwyn Rasco, first place and James Rowell, second place. Various costumes were worn and everybody had a carefree time—even the teachers.

—Dignified.

Welcome News

Alton Creel is home from the U. S. Marine Corp with a discharge.

Mrs. Mollie Garett visited Mrs. Irene Thomas, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Hunter visited Mr. and Mrs. Buck Barbee, Sunday.

Miss Eldora Akins spent Sunday with Ivaline Sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Adams visited the Hoyt Grimes, Sunday.

John and Bill Allbritten visited Birmingham last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Allen spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dye visited at Baileyton, Sunday afternoon.

Cold Springs News

C. H. Burns and R. E. Moore visited the school here Friday April 5.

Rev. W. R. Parker visited our community last week-end and preached at Johnson Grove Saturday night and at Addington Chapel on Sunday.

Milton Dooley and Miss Graft attended a singing at Cullman, Sunday.

Amon Hopkins spent Sunday in Cullman.

The Home Demonstration Club met April 1, and elected new officers for the coming year. Mrs. O. E. Ponder was elected president.

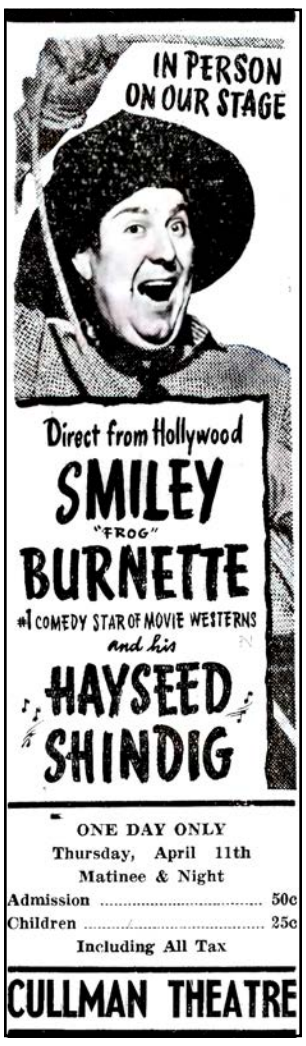
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Florence, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garrott, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allison, enjoyed a movie Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosman South, of Jasper, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Rollo over the week-end and Sunday they all visited Mrs. Glenn Mitchell of Vinemont.

Leldon Parker has purchased a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Miller visited Mrs. W. B. Stricklin, Sunday.

The people of this community are planning to build a new church house, since the old one was blown over by a storm.



Miss Kathleen Rollo and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Ponder and children spent Sunday in Cullman and enjoyed a picture show.

Lawton Harding, grandson of Mrs. M. C. Harding, spent the day with her last week. He recently came home with a discharge after serving three years in the Army.

POET'S CORNER

King of Sky

By: Randy C. Hale

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



CONTRIBUTED

Cooper Hawk

He sets poised,
still as a tombstone,
balanced on a wire as
you or me upon the solid earth.
He is not a chicken hawk,
that fowl being only opportunistic,
verses plotted.
This ancient hunter is a true
sportsman, his diet of that
which roams free, of mice, hares
and crawling things.

I pass him often sitting there,
he never seems to mind.
Just silent as he didn't care,
as even unaware.
This symbol of Horus,
guardian of the pharaoh's,
waits for purpose.

With superior vision and speed, he
will swoop to the earth,
grasp with his talons and end
the life of his prey.
In his clutches, you might say,
"his bare hands."
This "raptor" "king of sky."

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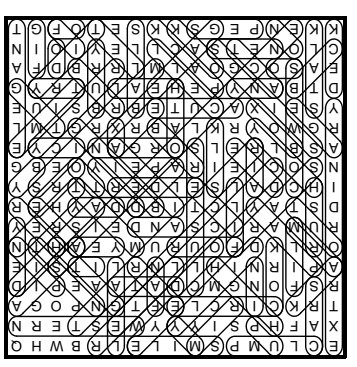
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Obituary Announcements: April 9-10

Nancy Carol Ergle Hudgins, 72
Funeral service for Nancy Carol Ergle Hudgins, 72, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethlehem Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hudgins passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at CRMC after a long illness. She was born March 19, 1954, to Tony Edmon Ergle and Edna Barnett Ergle in Cordele, Georgia. Nancy loved to go places, visit people, and she loved her family. She was especially proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Steve Hudgins; brothers, Truman Ergle, Buster Ergle, Wayne Ergle; grandson, Stephen Freeman; son-in-law, Warren Fanning. Those left to cherish her memory are her son, Kenneth Ergle (Christi); daughter, Sharon Fanning; sister, Diane (David) Lolley; sister-in-law, Deborah Ergle; grandchildren, Magen Peace (Larry Cook), Kelsie Smallwood (Dylan), Haley (Randall Chasteen Culberson), Cody Ergle, Alyssa Ergle; great-grandchildren, Audrey Adcock, Adele Adcock, Ara Smallwood, Brookelynn Cook, Brantley Ergle and one on the way; a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfunerahome.com.

Rev. Jim Hampton, 72
Funeral service for Rev. Jim Hampton, of Baileyton, will be at noon on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Cornerstone Revival Center with Bishop Greg Wilbanks, Bro. Ken Artis, Bro. Sean Ryan and his grandson, Solomon Cason officiating; burial at Bethel Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Cornerstone Revival Center. Jimmy Edward Hampton, age 72, passed away peacefully on April 8, 2026. Born on July 26, 1953, he was the son of the late Hurley and Lois Hampton. As a child, known as "Eddie," he was full of energy – rambunctious, a little mischievous, and always ready with a laugh. That joyful spirit stayed with him throughout his life. As an adult, "Jim" was deeply loved and widely respected. Steady as a rock and loyal beyond measure, Reverend Jim Hampton lived out the love of Jesus in both word and deed. He was known for his warm sense of humor, his ability to bring smiles to those around him, and his genuine kindness. Dependable and generous, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. His life was marked by compassion, service, and a sincere love for people. Jim is survived by the love of his life, his devoted wife, Renea Benefield Hampton. They were united in marriage on March 30, 1974, and shared more than five decades of love, faith and unwavering commitment. He also leaves behind his cherished children, Shane (Katrina) Hampton and Kellie Hampton. He was a proud and loving "Pawpaw" to Hunter Cason, Solomon Cason, Landon Waldrep, Austyn (Raven) Hampton, Tyler Hampton, and Emilee Hampton, each of whom brought him immense joy. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven siblings: Helen Holloway, Herbert "Red" Hampton, Dorothy Miller, Daryl Hampton, Olean Harper, Clara Faith Hampton and Joan Bryant. He is survived by his brother, Lester (Janice) Hampton, and his sister, Bernice (Donnie) Lambert, alone with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who were blessed to know him. A faithful servant of God, Bro. Hampton served as Assistant Pastor of Cornerstone Revival Center - formerly Eva United Pentecostal Church-since 1989. His life was a testament to his deep love for the Lord, and he touched countless lives through his ministry, kindness, and steadfast faith. Jim honorably served his country in the National Guard and Reserves. He also dedicated many years of his professional life as a store manager, beginning with the Big K, TG&Y and later spending the majority of his career with Warehouse Discount Groceries, where he was respected for his strong work ethic and leadership. He gave many young people their first job and mentored them along the way. Jimmy Edward Hampton leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, and integrity that will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Serving as pall bearers will be Austyn Hampton, Solomon Cason, Landon Waldrep, Tyler Hampton, Chase Rigdon and David Lockhart.

Mary Magdelene Wood Strandlund (updated), 94
Born April 12, 1931 / died April 1, 2026 / Age 94. Mary was born in Logan, Alabqama, 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, Washingotn, 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 St. NE 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 9:30-10:45 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.

Joel Wendal Kennemur, 83
Funeral services for Joel W. Kennemur, 83, of Athens will be noon, Sunday, April 12th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem East Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, April 11, from 3-5 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Kennemur was born Sept. 11, 1942, in Childersburg, Alabama to the late Flemming and Autie Kennemur. He passed away April 9, 2026, in Athens, Alabama. Joel worked for 30 years as an electrical engineer, a career that reflected his strong work ethic. Beyond his profession, his life was rooted in his faith. He served as an ordained Baptist deacon at Eastside Baptist Church in Cullman, where he was a respected and trusted member of his church family. Joel loved spending time outdoors, especially in his yard and landscaping. He was also an avid hunter, finding peace in nature. One of his most cherished experiences was a hunting trip to Russia, where he successfully hunted a Red Stag—an adventure he spoke of with great pride. He will be remembered for his devotion to his faith and the love he had for life itself. Mr. Kennemur is survived by his wife, Barbara Kennemur; children, Donna Anderson (Tom), Pam Blalock (Todd), Rhonda Kennemur; grandchildren, Cody Ashley (Hannah), Dalton Anderson, Carli Harris (Austin), Ashlan Anderson, Kayla Nichols, Lily Nichols, Connor Blalock, Ella Chapin (Luke); great grandchildren, Scottie Harris, Bhode Ashley; and a host of nieces, nephews, and family members. Mr. Kennemur was preceded in death by his parents, Flemming and Autie Kennemur; siblings, Flemming Dale Kennemur, Patty Gail Choate, and Jackie Lanier Kennemur. Serving as pallbearers will be Cody Ashley, Todd Blalock, Connor Blalock, Luke Chapin, Josh Calvert, and Tyler Tankersly. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Dalton Anderson, Tom Anderson, and Brian Mattox. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kennemur family.

Ray Kretzschmar, 84
Born in Garden City, Alabama, Ray was a lifelong member of the community he loved. He will be remembered as a devoted father, grandfather, veteran, neighbor, and friend, whose kindness, presence and sense of humor touched the lives of many. Ray was a welder by trade and a cattle farmer by choice. He was known for his strong work ethic and his remarkable ability to "fix" anything that was broken. A collector of sorts, he could always be relied upon to have just what was needed—anything from sheet metal to a spare tractor trailer. Over a lifetime, he accumulated enough tools, tape measures and "treasures" to fill that trailer, though he was never one to worry much about tidiness, so actually finding them might be a different story. This was all part of his charm. Ray built lasting relationships throughout his life and was admired for his caring nature and willingness to always lend a helping hand or words of wisdom when needed. Ray found joy in the simple moments spent with family and friends. He especially loved sitting outside under his porch, visiting with friends and "solving the world's problems." He could be found working on a tractor one minute, helping deliver a calf the next and rounding out the day laughing as he picked flowers with his admiring granddaughters and great-grandsons. Ray loved a big breakfast with over easy eggs, watching his western shows, riding his gator to check on his cows, always wearing a hat, drinking milkshakes, eating a good cheeseburger, a cup of black coffee, talking about the weather, a loyal dog by his side, his prized gun collection, a full pack of tobacco in his pocket, a good pocket knife and tape measure, "looking for a deal" with his sidekick and cousin, Bob Kretzschmar, tearing apart things and rebuilding them (sometimes), knowing where his granddaughters were every second of the day, holding his prized great-grandsons and still offering much needed words of wisdom to his daughters and sons in law. Ray is survived by his daughters, Connie Moore and husband Frankie Moore, and Shellie Lafon and husband Jeff Lafon; his granddaughters, Kendra White and husband Jake White, Bryson Holland, Presley Ambrose and husband Spencer Ambrose, and Harper Lafon; and his treasured great-grandsons, SJ Townson and Rudy Otto White. He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Montel Kretzschmar; his loving sisters, Kathleen Kretzschmar, Geraldine Kretzschmar, and Betty Kretzschmar; his older brother, Allen Kretzschmar; his twin brother and lifelong best friend, Wayne Kretzschmar; and his beloved dog, Blue. Visitation will be at Hanceville funeral home on Sunday, April 12, from 6-8 p.m. followed by the funeral service on Monday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Ray will be laid to rest with a military burial following at Garden City Cemetery. Ray will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who had the privilege of knowing him and most especially by the ones who were blessed to fondly called him "Daddy" and "Paw Paw Ray."

Ronnie Paul Jarrett, 69
Ronnie Paul Jarrett, age 69 of Addison, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2025. He was born Feb. 1, 1957, to John Paul and Thelma Hayes Jarrett. Ronnie worked as an owner-operator of a trucking company for over 50 years. He loved the freedom of the open road. Graveside service will be held Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 4 p.m. at Addison Church of God cemetery. Brother Steton Hayes and Brother Mack Watts will officiate. Ronnie is survived by his son, Damon (Robyn) Jarrett; grandson, Jeb Jarrett; sister, Brenda (Albert) Partridge; brothers, Johnny (Sheila) Jarrett and Jonathon (Evonda) Jarrett; nephews, Justin (Tori) Jarrett, Austin (Amy) Jarrett, Dalton (Willow) Jarrett, and Dillon (Courtney) Jarrett; and a host of great nieces, nephews He was preceded in death by his parents, John Paul and Thelma Hayes Jarrett. Memories and condolences can be shared at nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Charles "Elwin" Trimble, 73
Charles "Elwin" Trimble, age 73 of Hanceville, passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at his residence. He was born April 25, 1952, to Clifton Coy Trimble and Eneva Campbell Trimble. Beloved Husband, Daddy and Pawpaw, Elwin served in the US Airforce from 1971-1975, and retired from the 3M Company in Decatur, Alabama, in 2007. He loved fishing, his grand kids, watching sports and old movies. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Darrell Trimble and Gale Trimble. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Donna Trimble; children, Jennifer (Rich) Eddington, Candace Trimble and Bethany (Adam) Calvert; grandchildren, Brady (Katie) Isom, Garrett Isom, Blaine Isom, Laney Burgess, Ethan Burgess, Baylee Burgess, Cooper Morgan, Titus Trimble Calvert, Noah Calvert, Andy (Karmin) Eddington, Avery Eddington and Sam Calvert; Great Grand Child, Audrey Grace Isom and a host of brothers and sisters in-law, nieces, nephews, family and friends. A special thanks to the VA Hospital in Birmingham (Specifically the MICU), TLC in Oneonta and Southern Care Hospice.

Rebecca Ann Lynn, 85
A Service celebrating the life of Rebecca Ann Lynn, age 85 of Cullman, will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial will be Sunday at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-6 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Lynn passed away on Friday, April 10, 2026, at Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehab. She was born July 19, 1940, to Marion Lovvorn and Etta Pruett Lovvorn. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Travis Wayne Lynn; daughter Sherry Ann Lynn Tankersley; grandson, Grant O'Neal Wise; siblings, Harold Lovvorn, Edward Lovvorn, Clyde Lovvorn (Mary), Erma Lovvorn (Roy Gay), Katherine Lovvorn Wilcutt (William "Bill") and Clara Lovvorn Garrison (Gurvis). Survivors include her daughter, Judy (Keith) Lynn Wise; grandchildren, April Tankersley, Chad Tankersley (Rendi), Lindsey Wise Howard (Eli), seven great grandchildren; half-sister, Virginia Carter; son-in-law Coby Tankersley; sister-in-law, Wynell Lovvorn and a host of nieces and nephews.

Alexander Scott Morton, 27
Alexander Scott Morton, known to most as Alex, passed away on April 9, 2026, at the age of 27. Alex was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, on Jan. 30, 1999. Alex is preceded in death by his grandmother, Teresa Hollins; great-grandparents, Bill and Julia Worley, and Marcella and Earnest "OB" Breakfield. Those left to cherish the memory of Alex include his mother and step-father, Cindy and Wes Hall; biological father, Grady Morton; grandfather, Kenneth Hollins; aunts and uncle, Patti Tuckwiller (Steve Dubay), Michael Hollins (Evelyn), Leighann Brown; half-sisters, Felicia Macias (Cesar), and Kayla Lawson (Josh); step-sister, Allison Hall; and a host of loving family and friends. As a child, Alex was spoiled rotten by his Maw Maw Teresa, and they had a special bond until she passed away. Alex was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of five and his Maw Maw, along with his mother, served as a constant support to him as he spent multiple days of his young life in the hospital because of his illness. As he matured, Alex became a quiet man who enjoyed the outdoors. He found joy in kayaking, fishing, or taking a long drive down country roads in his truck. Throughout his young life, Alex struggled with many demons and now is finally free. He was loved and treasured by many and will be truly missed. Rest in peace Alex, you don't have to check your sugar. Mom Obituary provided by the family. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating towards Alex's final expenses. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Morton/Hall family, and they are in our prayers.

Gerald "Squirrely" Eugene Campbell, 82
Was born July 20, 1943, in Alabama and passed away April 8, 2026, at the age of 82. Gerald was a devoted and well-known presence to many, remembered with deep respect for the life he lived and the people he valued. After this introduction, "Squirrely," will be remembered as a steady, dedicated, and respected man whose influence reached far beyond his immediate circle. He lived in Cullman, Alabama. "Squirrely," was preceded in death by his mother, Lawasel Rivers Campbell, and his father, General Washington Campbell. He was also preceded in death by a special and loved companion, "Rastus." He survive by his beloved wife of 63 years, Kathy Campbell; his son, Ross Campbell (Teresa); and his nieces, Cindy Cone (Mike) and Tanina Baker. and two Granddaughters Kayleigh and Carrieanne Drake Squirrely," was born in the wheat community in the Crane Hill area of Ardale and Trade, Alabama. He graduated in 1961 from Cold Springs High School, where he played basketball for Walker Junior College. He served in the National Guard for two years at Fort Polk, Louisana. In 1972, he started Campbell Stables, a racking horse training and breeding facility, and during that time he also sold Liberty National Life Insurance. He became a well-known broodmare and colt producer throughout the Racking and Walking horse industries, and one particular horse, Shades on Fire, helped put the Campbell name on the map. In the last several years of his life, "Squirrely," continued raising colts, breeding mares, and offering advice to the staff of Campbell Stables. He never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to people no matter where he went. He served on many boards of directors of various associations and was president of many of them. He was honored as Member of the Year in the Racking Horse Hall of Fame in 2018. He would want to thank every trainer, assistant, groom, and staff member who ever worked at the barn—he loved and appreciated everyone. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, on April 13, 2026, from noon-2 p.m. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will follow at Moss-Service Funeral Home on April 13, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m. A Graveside Committal Service will take place at Cullman City Cemetery, Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL, on April 13, 2026. The family would like to thank the staff of Cullman Regional Hospice for their care in his final days. Squirrely," will be deeply missed, but his memory and legacy will live on in the lives he touched over the years.

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