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Stiefelmeyer Building cleanup, next steps remain under review

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Responsibility for the Stiefelmeyer Building site has been turned over to the property owner following Monday's fire, with city officials now focused on public safety and coordination as next steps are determined.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said the city's immediate role has been to secure the area and work with the property owners as plans move forward.

"(The) building has been turned over to the property owner. (The city's) initial responsibility is to keep public safe, secure the sidewalks and streets around the site and work with the property owner on a clean-up schedule," Jacobs said. » PAGE 4



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What remains of the historic Stiefelmeyer Building is seen on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.

West Point's Alaina Riggs 'Best of Show' in 2026 4th Congressional District Art Competition



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN ROBERT ADERHOLT

Left to right are Congressman Robert Aderholt, Alaina Riggs and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

Staff Reports
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, on Tuesday announced that Alaina Riggs, a student from West Point High School, was named the "Best of Show" winner in the 2026 4th Congressional District Art Competition. An awards ceremony was held on April 13.

As the top overall winner, Riggs has earned a full scholarship to Wallace State Community College, which she may apply toward any course of study she chooses. Her winning artwork will be displayed for one year in the United States Capitol Complex in Washington, D.C., alongside winning entries from across the country.

Riggs will also travel to Washington, D.C. this summer with a guest to attend the national Congressional Art Competition ceremony, with airfare provided courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

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West Point's Alaina Riggs' Best of Show submission

2 indicted in connection with 2020 Cullman County double homicide; 1 pleads guilty



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Arrests and incidents reported April 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 15, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 14

• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '20 Toyota 4Runner; $2,000; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

April 13-14

Key, Seth P.; 43
• FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – driving while suspended
• FTA – expired tag

Lusk, Stephanie M.; 42
• FTA – driving while suspended

Baker, Robert N.; 41
• FTA – reckless endangerment
• FTA – fail to register vehicle
• FTA – reckless driving
• FTA – speeding
• FTA – fail to signal
• FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA – improper lights (2 counts)
• FTA – driving while suspended

Oliver, Gary T.; 53
• GJ – domestic violence-2nd degree

Freeman, Shane A.; 34
• FTA – no tag-utility trailer
• FTA – switched tag
• FTA – improper tail lights
• FTA – insurance violation

Crutchfield, Aubrey J.; 21
• possession of marijuana-1st degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ivey signs Alabama Work Zone Safety Act

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday signed Senate Bill 341, the Alabama Work Zone Safety Act. This comes just ahead of National Work Zone Awareness Week.

The Alabama Work Safety Act, sponsored by Sen. Josh Carnley, R-Ino, and Rep. Mike Kirkland, R-Scottsboro, establishes a pilot program to authorize the procurement, installation and operation of a photographic speed enforcement system within an interstate highway work zone.

"Currently in Alabama, there is roadwork ongoing in all 67 counties, including on our major roadways. It is just critical that we all drive carefully through work zones," said Ivey. "I was proud to put my signature on the Alabama Work Zone Safety Act that will help us improve safety around our roadwork and the enforcement mechanisms going forward. As we are rebuilding Alabama in all 67 counties, let's keep the men and women doing the hard work, as well as our fellow motorists and ourselves, safe!"

SB341 requires reports to the Legislature studying the effectiveness of the pilot program.

"The Alabama Work Zone Safety Act is about protecting the men and women who work hard each and every day to keep our roads safe and functional," said Carnley.

"The Alabama Work Zone Safety Act gives us a smart, data-driven approach to improving safety in some of the most dangerous areas on our roads while holding reckless drivers accountable. I appreciate my colleagues in the Legislature for their support in advancing this measure and thank Governor Ivey for her leadership in signing this important legislation into law."

Last year in Alabama, data shows within the 2,543 crashes in highway work zones, there were approximately 11 fatalities and 709 injuries.

With the historic amount of road work across the state, Ivey believes it is more urgent than ever before to be mindful when driving through work zones.

"Our highway workers deserve to return home safely at the end of every workday, and this law will help make that happen," said Kirkland.

"By implementing innovative tools to slow drivers down in work zones, we are taking a meaningful step toward preventing tragic accidents and saving lives. I am grateful to my colleagues in the Legislature for their support and to Governor Ivey for her continued commitment to public safety across Alabama."

A driver awareness program will launch in October, with full enforcement expected to begin before the end of the year.

Competition (from Front)

ity truly set her work apart," said Aderholt. "It is an honor to recognize her achievement and to see her artwork represent Alabama's 4th District in the U.S. Capitol. I look forward to welcoming her to Washington this summer as we celebrate the incredible artistic talent of students from across the nation."

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual event that highlights the artistic achievements of high school students nationwide. This year's 4th District competition featured outstanding submissions across a variety of categories.

Category winners of the 2026 competition include:

Paintings
• 1st Place: Jill Blocher (Cullman)
• 2nd Place: Jax Rodgers (West Point)
• 3rd Place: Scarlett McBride (KDS/DAR)

Drawings
• 1st Place: Larkin Jeffrey (Cullman Christian)
• 2nd Place: Ella Kate Smith (Guntersville)
• 3rd Place: Madelyn Ketnor (Guntersville)

Collages
• 1st Place: Aidan Cornelius (Cullman)
• 2nd Place: Mary Tucker (KDS/DAR)
• 3rd Place: Kennedy Ward (Boaz)

Prints
• 1st Place: Cara Strevel (West Point)
• 2nd Place: Holt Hurt (Florence)
• 3rd Place: Emma Beavers (West Point)

Computer Graphics
• 1st Place: Analia Lajara (St. Bernard Prep)
• 2nd Place: Matthew Jimenez (Crossville)
• 3rd Place: Myleigh Davis (Haleyville)

Photography
• 1st Place: Kellen Cox (KDS/DAR)
• 2nd Place: Saily Vail Santizo (Albertville Innovation Academy)
• 3rd Place: Cooper Edwards (Florence)

Aderholt also extended his appreciation to the community partners who made this year's event possible.

"I want to sincerely thank Wallace State Community College for graciously hosting this year's awards ceremony and offering scholarships to the category winners, and The Westervelt Company of Tuscaloosa for their continued support as a sponsor of this important program," Aderholt added.

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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
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• 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 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!

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.

Alabama Strawberry Festival
Friday, April 24, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (Senior Day from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.) and Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Depot Park. Free admission. www.AlabamaStrawberryFest.com

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, May 16, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat in or take out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Cemetery project fund. Come join us! Thank you in advance for your support.

Franny (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Franny, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week, isn't the loudest dog in the yard, and she doesn't demand attention the moment you walk in. Instead, she is a doggo quietly waiting to be discovered, a hidden gem with a mountain of love just beneath the surface.

A terrier/Lab mix estimated at around 6 years old, Franny has a calm, steady energy that makes her easy to be around from the very start.

She doesn't overwhelm; she invites. Spend just a few moments with her and she'll show you exactly who she is.

She'll sit beside you, gently lift one paw, then the other, offering them as if it's the most natural thing in the world. It's more than a trick; it's her way of connecting.

In those small, simple gestures, Franny shows her love language clearly: acts of service, quiet affection and a desire to be close. Once she's made that connection, the idea of being strangers disappears completely.

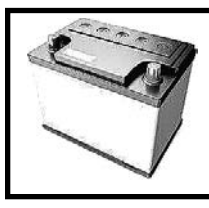
Franny's leash manners are just as impressive. She walks with ease and attentiveness, making her an excellent fit for someone looking for a dependable companion on daily walks, outings or simply time spent outdoors.

With her temperament, intelligence and gentle nature, she has all the makings of a wonderful therapy or companion dog, the kind that brings comfort without needing to say a word.

Franny is available for adoption for $130, a small price for a dog whose value goes far beyond what any number could represent. The fee covers her spay, vaccinations, microchipping and routine veterinary care.

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

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PREP BASEBALL

Speer's two-way game gives Vinemont an 8-2 area win over Holly Pond

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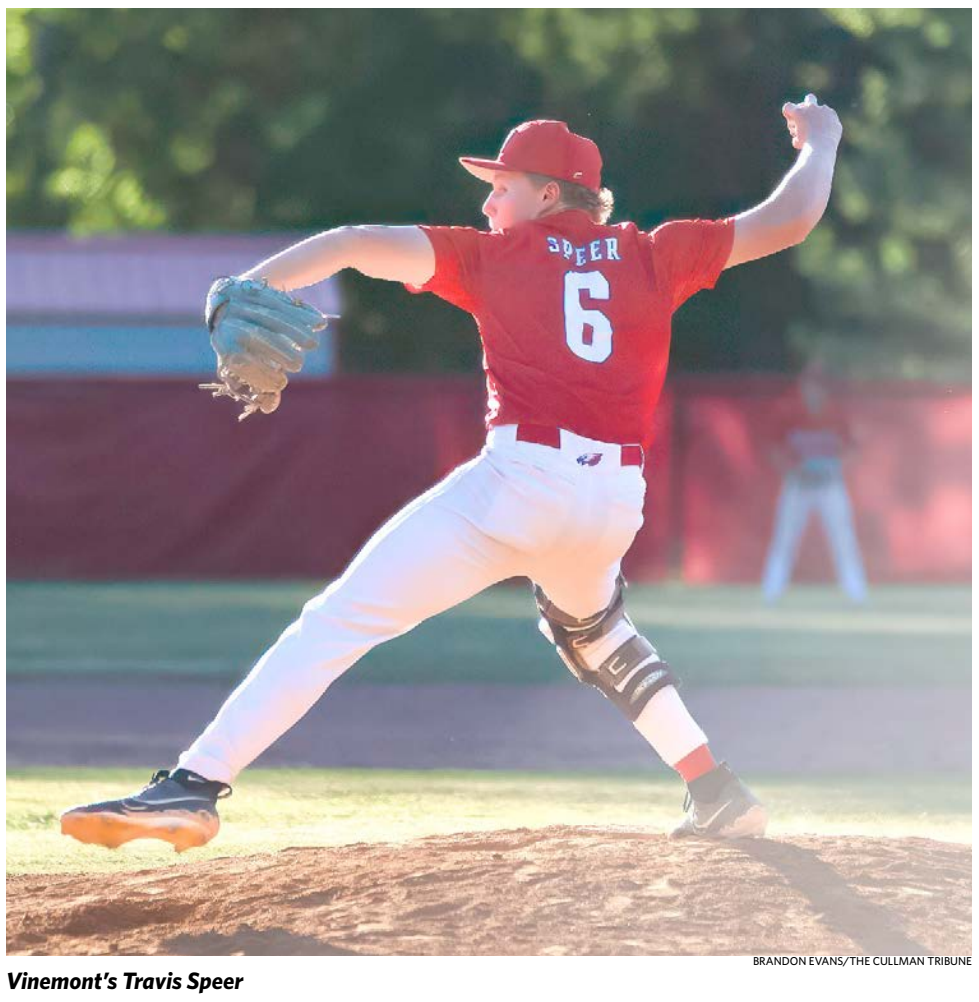
VINEMONT, Ala. — The first area meeting between Vinemont and Holly Pond took place at Holly Pond on Monday afternoon, and the Eagles ended up defeating the Broncos, 13-2. Both teams met up again Tuesday at Vinemont in a huge doubleheader for both teams. In game one, the score was tied up at one early on, but the Eagles ended up taking a lead that they wouldn't relinquish, and they ended up defeating the Broncos 8-2.

Travis Speer took the mound for Vinemont and after allowing a one-out single, he got Ty Harrison to ground out into an inning-ending double play to keep Holly Pond off the scoreboard. The Eagles gave their starter some run support in their half. Harrison ended up being the starter for the Broncos, and he quickly found himself in a jam. Josh Rhodes drew a one-out walk, then a ground ball moved him over to second. After Ryne Dalton drew a four-pitch walk, Rhodes stole third and scored on a passed ball to give Vinemont the early lead. The Broncos got that run back in the top of the second. Ty Dunn drew a two-out walk, then two pitches later, Camden Bell hit an RBI double to right field to tie the game up at one.

The score would stay the same until the bottom of the third inning. Tucker Mauter hit a one-out single, and he would later steal second. Rhodes flew out to left field, but a Bronco error after the fly out allowed Mauter to cross the plate to put the Eagles up 2-1. Vinemont added onto their lead in the bottom of the fourth. Speer hit a one-out triple to right field and ended up scoring on an RBI single by Davey Johnson to make it a 3-1 game. After Speer struck out two in a scoreless fifth inning, the Eagles broke the game wide open in their half.

Rhodes and Carson Drummond each drew back-to-back walks with one out, then one out later, Speer helped out his own cause by hitting an RBI single to left field to give Vinemont a 4-1 lead. A balk brought home Drummond to widen their lead to 5-1, then back-to-back hit-by-pitches loaded the bases with two outs. Will Conquest scored on a wild pitch, then Jhace Cornelius hit a two-run single to make it 8-1. Johnathan Hamby scored on a Vinemont error in the top of the seventh to cut it to 8-2, but the Broncos wouldn't get any closer after that, as Speer struck out Dunn to help seal the 8-2 win for the Eagles in game one. Vinemont is now 6-1 in their last seven games.

Cornelius collected a hit and a pair of RBIs for Vinemont, while Speer and Johnson each added a pair of hits and an RBI in the win. Speer gave up just six hits, two earned runs, walked one, and struck out six in his complete game effort. For Holly Pond, Bell finished with a pair of hits and an RBI.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont's Travis Speer

TENNIS

Cullman boys State Tournament-bound after finishing as runner-up sectional champs

Nathan Bates
CHS Tennis

DECATUR, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcat Varsity Boys Tennis Team finished the regular season with a 16-2 record and a runner-up finish in the 6A, Section 7 Tournament in Decatur on Tuesday.

The Bearcats runner-up finish in the section tournament earned the team a birth in the AHSAA State Tennis tournament next week in Mobile.

Top-5 team scoring results from the section tournament were Jasper 43, Cullman 40, Hartselle 28, Gardendale 18, and Mortimer Jordan 11. Singles results for Cullman included Jake Murphree #1 Runner-up, Nason Green #2 Runner-up, Cameron Caffey #4 Runner-up, Brayden Clark # 5 Runner-up, and Zeke Chaney #6 Runner-up.

Doubles results included Nason Green/Brayden Clark #2 Runner-up and Logan Powell/Zeke Chaney #3 Champions.



NATHAN BATES/CHS TENNIS

Cullman tennis' 2026 boys team



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison's Kiah Lake

PREP BASEBALL

Addison notches fourth straight win with 9-0 shutout of Athens Bible

Todd Walker
Contributor

ADDISON, Ala. — In a matchup of two of the top 1A squads, the sixth-ranked Addison Bulldogs hosted the seventh-ranked Athens Bible Trojans on Monday. Addison dominated and came away with a solid 9-0 victory.

Addison sent their ace, Kiah Lake, to the mound and he didn't disappoint. After two outs in the first a Bulldog error followed by Trojan Gavin Butler hit a hot smash down the third base line put runners on second and third with two outs. Lake got out of the jam with a ball hit back to the pitcher, and it would be his only threat of the evening.

The score remained tied at 0 until Addison sent 11 men to the plate in the bottom of the second. Jaxson Williams reached on a Trojan error and then Ben Bridges and Scout Flynn followed with singles. Flynn singled to center to score Williams to give Addison the 1-0 lead. Preuitt Woods walked to load the bases and then Canaan Speegle hit into a force play scoring Bridges to put Addison up 2-0. Tucker Thompson hit a deep sacrifice fly to centerfield to score Flynn for the 3-0 lead. Connor Lane reached on an error and Stone Talley walked to load the bases again with two outs. Kiah Lake helped his own case as he drilled a ball to left field that just missed a grand slam. Lake cruised into second with a double and knocked in Speegle and Lane for the Bulldog 5-0. Williams got his second at bat of the inning and drilled a 2-1 pitch to right center field for a three run, no doubt home run. Williams, Talley and Lake all scored and Addison led 8-0. This is how the inning ended.

Addison would get their last run in the bottom of the third inning as Lane grounded out, scoring Woods from third and giving Addison the 9-0 lead.

Lake would retire 15 of the next 16 hitters, allowing only the one base runner who reached by error. Athens Bible would manage their second hit, a two out seventh inning single by Jake Banta. Lake was able to strike out the last Trojan hitter to end the game.

PREP BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Scores and stats for April 14

Lucas Gray
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BASEBALL

• Addison 16, Athens Bible 7 – **Batting:** C. Speegle 4-6 (2B x2), 1 RBI **Pitching:** T. Thompson 7.0 IP, 4 ER, 6 K, W

• Addison 25, Athens Bible 15 – **Batting:** B. Bridges 3-3 (2B x2), 6 RBI **Pitching:** T. Gaither 4.1 IP, 6 H, 4 ER, 1 K, W

• Mortimer Jordan 7, Cullman 6 – **Batting:** C. Stancil 2-3, 1 RBI **Pitching:** J. Weathersby 4.0 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 2 K

• Fairview 5, Brewer 3 – **Batting:** C. Nelson 1-3 (2B), 2 RBI **Pitching:** H. Barron 7.0 IP, 6 H, 1 ER, 7 K, W

• West Point 5, Russellville 4 – **Batting:** S. Echols 1-3 (2B), 2 RBI **Pitching:** D. Crow 6.0 IP, 5 H, 2 ER, 4 K, W

SOFTBALL

• Cold Springs 16, Winston Co. 7 – **Batting:** P. Kennedy 3-6 (2B x2), 2 RBI **Pitching:** A. Kilgo 7.0 IP, 7 ER, 3 K, W

• Arab 12, Fairview 1 – **Batting:** A. Phillips 2-2 (HR), 1 RBI **Pitching:** J. Barnett 3.1 IP, 7 H, 4 ER, 2 K

• Hanceville 10, J.B. Pennington 0 – **Batting:** I. Spinks 3-4 (2B x2), 2 RBI **Pitching:** K.K. Butler 5.0 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 8 K

• Lawrence Co. 12, West Point 0 – **Batting:** K. Jones 1-2 **Pitching:** K. Jones 5.0 IP, 4 ER, 0 K

Cleanup (from Front)

The mayor said no formal timeline has been established for debris removal or demolition. "The owner is assessing the situation and no formal course of action has been presented to the city."

Jacobs confirmed that responsibility for debris removal and demolition rests with the property owner.

(Look for a separate feature with property owner Dan Willingham.)

The site remains in a high-traffic portion of downtown Cullman, near areas used during the Alabama Strawberry Festival, with officials indicating safety will remain the priority moving forward. That festival is slated for April 24-25, 2026.

"Focus will be on public safety," Jacobs said.

The fire began in the early morning hours Monday, April 13, drawing a large emergency response as crews worked for hours to contain the blaze at the historic downtown structure.

Officials have not released a cause of the fire.

Cullman City Council President Kim Hall said the loss extended beyond the structure itself.

"Today (Monday), Cullman didn't just lose a building. We lost a piece of our history that can't be replaced," Hall said.

"What made this loss especially hard is that the building was one of the last remaining wooden commercial structures in the downtown area. While much of the city rebuilt in brick after early fires, this one endured. It carried with it the look, feel and craftsmanship of a much earlier time."

The Stiefelmeyer Building, constructed in 1892 after an earlier structure on the site was lost to fire, has long been part of Cullman's historic downtown landscape.

Katie B. Kirkwood Architectural and Interior Design opens in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The ribbon was officially cut on Katie B. Kirkwood Architectural and Interior Design, a residential design studio in downtown Cullman, on Friday, April 10.

Said the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce: "Katie B. Kirkwood Architecture brings a thoughtful, creative approach to design, offering services that blend functionality with beautiful, intentional spaces.

"Her work reflects a strong attention to detail and a passion for helping clients bring their vision to life."

Kirkwood thanked her husband, saying, "His patience, support and encouragement is why we're standing here.

"Because of my husband and the life y'all gave us, we also get to give that to our children. And now the community, so we're super excited about that."

She continued, "I love creating beautiful things! We kinda do everything."

Kirkwood said she typically meets with homeowners and contractors to walk their sites.

This opens up a path for her design process and layout.

"We can design from scratch!" she said. "I've had clients say they want 8-foot doors and let me do the rest. Some clients come in with multiple plans and want to combine them."

Kirkwood said she believes a home should be a reflection of what you love.

Whether that is carefully layered decor or sentimental items incorporated from loved ones.

She made a point to thank her in-laws for showing herself and her husband a strong work ethic and how to serve others.

"Now we get to do that and teach our children the same thing," she said.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The ribbon was officially cut on Katie B. Kirkwood Architectural and Interior Design, a residential design studio in downtown Cullman, on Friday, April 10, 2026.

Katie B. Kirkwood Architectural and Interior Design is located at 221 Third Ave. SE. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Mondays are reserved for appointments only and the business is closed on weekends.

Call 256-339-4403 or email design@kbkirkwood.com to schedule an appointment.

Follow kbkarchandintdesign on Instagram to find out more.

Homicide (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two individuals have been indicted in connection with the Aug. 15, 2020, murders of Levi Benjamin Lawrence, 24, of Cullman, and Dalton Matthew Bannister, 36, of Blountsville.

A Cullman County grand jury on Monday, April 13, 2026, returned indictments against Tyler Dwight Dooley, 32, of Arab, and Samantha Star Robertson, 25 of Cleveland, Alabama. Dooley and Robertson are each facing two counts of murder.

Court records show a third defendant, Jacob Andrew Drane, 27, of Cullman, pleaded guilty on Feb. 13, 2026, to two counts of manslaughter in the same case. He was originally charged with two counts of murder. Drane was sentenced to 15 years for each count, to be served consecutively.

The shootings occurred in the early morning hours of Aug. 15, 2020, in the New Canaan community.

Authorities were called to a residence after reports of a shooting, where two individuals were found dead and a third person was seriously injured.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victims as Lawrence and Bannister.

Initial information released by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office indicated the shooting followed an altercation at the residence involving multiple individuals.

Authorities later stated the incident was connected to a robbery. Additional details released following the shooting indicated Lawrence had been attempting to leave the residence when the situation escalated. As the investigation continued, additional individuals were charged in connection with the case.

Sept. 8, 2020, reporting from The Tribune:
According to Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Lawrence died while defending himself from Bannister.

"Mr. Lawrence was the victim in this case," said Gentry. "Mr. Bannister, that is deceased, is the offender."

Gentry said that in the course of the investigation, his office learned there was another individual at the scene, identified as Dooley.

CCSO investigators worked with the Arab Police Department and Marshall County Sheriff's office to execute a search warrant in Arab, where Dooley was found.

"As we were investigating, putting the pieces of the puzzle together, this is what we determined," said Gentry.

"Mr. Lawrence had received a message from one of the offenders that we've arrested about hanging out at this residence (in New Canaan). So, Mr. Lawrence is there talking to his friend, Mr. Drane, at the residence belonging to another offender that we've arrested; his name is Ricky Martin. Mr. Martin is known to associate with people that are not the best. At this point, later on in the night, Mr. Dooley, Bannister and the female arrived at the residence...Mr. Lawrence realized that these people are not who you want to be around. Mr. Lawrence told them that he was going to leave. As Mr. Lawrence attempted to leave, Bannister and Dooley had predetermined that they were going to rob Lawrence of his possessions. These individuals are known throughout those communities to do those of kind of things."

Gentry continued, "As Mr. Lawrence attempts to leave, he's confronted by an armed suspect, Bannister, at which time Mr. Lawrence was also armed and an altercation occurs and there is rounds that are exchanged. After the gunfight, Dooley flees the scene, leaving Bannister and the female on the ground."

The sheriff emphasized that Lawrence was the victim and said Bannister and Dooley being free before the crime occurred was a result of a failure of the system.

"Bannister and Dooley are a failure to the system," he said. "You look at their criminal histories. They should be in prison. They had a reputation to go out and do bad things, but they met somebody that said, 'You know what? You're going to do bad things, but I'm not going to allow you to do bad things to me or anyone else. Mr. Lawrence was defending himself. He defended himself, and as a result, he shot someone that did bad things who is now deceased, but in turn he lost his life. One of the things I look at is if Bannister and Dooley had both left, what other bad things would they have done to other people in the community?"

Law (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A newly signed state law sets baseline standards for how dogs must be cared for in Alabama, with supporters calling it a long overdue step to prevent neglect before it escalates into abuse.

Known as Beau's Law, the legislation was signed by Gov. Kay Ivey during the 2026 legislative session and focuses on ensuring dogs receive basic necessities, including food, water, shelter and safe living conditions. The law is set to take effect Oct. 1, 2026.

"This bill is about basic care, not overreach," said Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman. "It ensures dogs have food, water, shelter and are not chained in dangerous ways. It gives animal control the ability to step in before suffering turns into cruelty cases. This is common-sense, humane and long overdue in Alabama."

Local officials said the law addressed issues they already encounter on a regular basis, while also providing clearer authority to intervene earlier.

Rodney Banister, director of Cullman County Animal Control, said many of the cases his department handles already involve conditions the law was designed to prevent.

"Neglect cases commonly are 'dumping dogs,' no shelter and starvation," he said. "We work several of these cases and they are arrested and sent to prosecution by the Cullman County District Attorney's Office."

Banister said tethering is often part of a broader pattern of neglect.

"Dogs tethered to stationary objects often get tangled and are unable to move around freely," he explained. "This is often combined with improper shelter and lack of proper sustenance."

One of the most significant changes, he said, is the clarity the law provides to enforcement agencies.

"This law addresses a very important problem. The main issue is it defines 'shelter'; animal control agencies across the state have needed this for a long time," he said. "This law also gives agencies the opportunity to cut down on people chaining animals outside and forgetting about them."

Banister said the law could improve conditions through both education and enforcement.

"I believe this law will improve the overall well-being of animals in our county hopefully by educating the owners of animals. If not by educating them, then by giving us more authority by prosecution."

He also encouraged residents to become familiar with the law before it takes effect.

"My hope is that the people of Cullman County will read this law, study it and adopt these practices before the law goes in effect Oct. 1, 2026."

What the law requires
Under Beau's Law, dog owners are required to meet minimum care standards, including:

- Providing consistent access to food and clean water
- Ensuring adequate shelter from weather conditions
- Keeping dogs in a secure, fully fenced enclosure
- Allowing enough space for the dog to move freely

The law also places new restrictions on how dogs can be tethered.

Dogs cannot be tied to a stationary object such as a tree or pole unless the system meets specific safety standards. Approved tethering systems must:

- Be properly sized and not excessively heavy
- Be attached to a properly fitted collar or harness
- Include swivels to prevent tangling
- Avoid causing injury or strangulation

The law explicitly prohibits the use of logging chains, choke collars and pinch collars in tethering situations.

What the law does not apply to
Lawmakers emphasized that Beau's Law is not intended to interfere with legitimate animal care or agricultural practices.

The law does not apply to:
- Veterinarians, animal shelters or groomers
- Hunting, farming or dog training activities
- Temporary tethering in short-term, reasonable situations
- Dogs being walked on a leash
- Service animals

Enforcement and penalties
Violations of Beau's Law could result in misdemeanor charges, with penalties increasing for repeat offenses.

Courts could also require offenders to cover the cost of care for affected animals.

Supporters said the law gives animal control officers the ability to intervene earlier, before conditions rise to the level of criminal cruelty cases.

Ivey said the law is intended to strengthen protections for animals while maintaining reasonable boundaries for dog owners.

Local shelter preparing for impact
At the Cullman County Animal Shelter, Director Andrea Hudson said early signs of the law's impact are already emerging.

"I do see an increase in intakes coming into the animal shelter as it gets closer to October when Beau's Law goes into effect," Hudson said. "I think those who are unwilling or unable to comply will schedule voluntary surrenders."

Hudson said the shelter is preparing to help educate the public ahead of the deadline.

"The shelter will play a role in educating the community of the new Beau's Law going into effect," she said. "We will be making frequent posts about the law to hopefully get the word out to our community on how to get into compliance before the law goes into effect."

She said outreach would be important for residents who might struggle to meet the new requirements.

"We encourage the community to reach out to us if they are struggling to meet the requirements."

Hudson also expressed support for the law and its long-term goals.

"I would like to also say thank you to Senator Garlan Gudger for championing this bill through," she said. "No dog deserves to live life on a chain without the necessities to thrive and live. Beau's Law gives us hope for a better future for the dogs in Alabama."

Animal welfare advocates have long argued that Alabama lacks clear, enforceable standards for basic dog care, often leaving intervention limited until severe neglect or abuse occur.

Supporters of Beau's Law said it fills that gap by defining minimum expectations while still allowing flexibility for responsible owners.

For Cullman County, officials said the law represents both an enforcement tool and an opportunity for education, giving residents and agencies clearer guidance on what constitutes proper care before situations escalate.



LEGALS

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

2013 HD Roadglide 1HD1TC822DB955667
The vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Head Hoggers llc, 222 Arkadelphia Rd NE, Hanceville, AL 35077
May 19.2026 8:30am

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County Commission Office, Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, May 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. to receive comment on closing a portion of County Road 270, more particularly described as the following:

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

Cullman County Commission

Jeff Clemons, Chairman

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN BERNARD THOMAS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2026-128**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Exemptions Without Administration Pursuant to §43-8-111, Ala. Code (1975)* has been received by ROSE PARTON Petitioner, by and through Attorney Douglas C. Martinson, II, on the 16th day March, 2026, made Court record the 20th day of March, 2026 and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Rose Parton
Petitioner

Douglas C. Martinson, II
Attorney for Petitioner
115 North Side Square
Huntsville, Alabama 35801-4822

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

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

DONE this the 14th day of April, 2026.

Tammy Brown per TB/WJC
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR DAVID SHARP, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-141**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LEIGH VERBLE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ARTHUR DAVID SHARP, deceased, on the 7th day of April, 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.

Leigh Verble
Personal Representative

Amanda Schafner
Attorney for Personal Representative
Schafner Law
5000 Grantswood Road, Suite 120
Irondale, Alabama 35210

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD HANCOCK, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-116

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF RONALD HANCOCK, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Lois P. Hancock on the 6th 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.

Lois P. Hancock, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-139

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SUE R. EVANS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Brooke Evans Freeman and Drew L. Evans on the 7th day of April, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brooke Evans Freeman and Drew L. Evans
Personal Representatives

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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2025 Tax Year Delinquent Parcels

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2026-022

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF GLENDA ANN LIGHTSEY.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: BARRY ALAN WALKER, father of B.J.W., DOB 05/18/2010

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of B.J.W., a minor child born May 18, 2010, to Cortney Le'Ann Bradford was filed on the 2nd day of April, 2026, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Glenda Ann Lightsey. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 13th day of April, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DENNIS LAMAR DOTY, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-143**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JOANN RILEY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DENNIS LAMAR DOTY, deceased, on the 7th day of April, 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.

Joann Riley
Personal Representative

Seth B. Thompson
The Thompson Law Firm, LLC
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ALTON G. JONES, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC 2026-001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JIMMY DALE JONES as Personal Representative of the Estate of ALTON G. JONES, deceased, on the 7th 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.

Jimmy Dale Jones
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioner
201 2nd Ave SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

REGISTRATION AND VOTING AIDS

State of Alabama

Cullman County

Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown

Judge of Probate

Cullman County

TOWN OF BAILEYTON
STATE OF ALABAMA

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Mayor: Benny Guthrie
Town Clerk: Lisa Zehr

Baileyton Town Council
Council Place 1 / Mayor Pro Tem – Dewayne Sumner
Council Place 2 – Donna Kent
Council Place 3 – Mark McKelvy
Council Place 4 – Kaleigha Fitch
Council Place 5 – Taran Garrison

B2026-001 COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL COURTS

BID PROPOSAL FOR RESURFACING AND CONVERSION OF TENNIS COURTS TO PICKLEBALL COURTS

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Baileyton that Bid Proposals for

B2026-001 COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL COURTS will be accepted on or before 5:00PM on May 1, 2026, at the Baileyton Town Hall

located at

55 Fire Station Road Baileyton, Al. 35019

Informational

Packets may be obtained by emailing requests to

town.clerk35019@gmail.com or picking one up at the Baileyton Town Hall.

Contact Town Clerk Lisa Zehr with any questions at

(256) 796-6447 Monday - Friday from 8:00AM until 5:00PM.

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.
2014 Chevrolet Suburban VIN#1GNSJEOXER240505
2008 Mazda CX-9 VIN#JM3TB28A180163677
This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Ponder Wrecker Service, 2600 AL HWY 157, Cullman AL, 35058, on May 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 the Housing Authority of the City of Cullman will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the main office located at 408 Cleveland Avenue SW.

The purpose of this hearing is to solicit public comments on the Public Housing Agency Annual and Five-Year Plan for 2026, as well as the Capital Fund Five-Year Action Plan. This hearing is open to all citizens of Cullman. Any individual with a physical disability or other special needs may contact the Housing Authority at (256) 734-6171 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for attendance. In addition, effective upon publication of this notice, the Public Housing Agency Plan will be available for public review at the Housing Authority's main office prior to the public hearing.

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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 CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BELINDA A. WALKER,
Plaintiff

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

EDDIE E. WALKER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF CONTEMPT ACTION

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

Done this the 24th day of March, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
215 MAIN AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tyler Ray Kenna, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Raymond W. Kenna Jr., deceased, on the 30th day of March, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 30th day of March, 2026.

Tyler Ray Kenna
Personal Representative

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, AL 35056
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TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

SECTION 001116
INVITATION TO BID

1.1 BID INFORMATION

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

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituary Announcements: April 15-16

Leo Madonna Swann, 91
Leo Madonna Swann, age 91, was born to Clayton and Clarycie Williams on Aug. 7, 1934. She married Mitchell R. Swann on Oct. 31, 1953. She was a member at Harmony Baptist Church all her life! To know Leo was to love her! She was known for her quick wit, her loving and forgiving nature, and her resilient spirit. She loved the Lord with all her heart and drew strength from His Word her whole life. She persevered through life with amazing grace and lived the best she could one day at a time. She was the most talented person you would ever meet. She could sew anything with a needle and thread and paint masterpieces on any canvas she could find. She wasn't afraid to get her hands dirty and she never shied away from hard work. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sons, Rex (Claudette) and Marty; her daughter, Denise; and grandson, Matthew. She is survived by her daughters, Donna, and Delilah (Bruce) Latta; 11 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. Visitation will take place at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on April 15, 2026, from noon-2 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at Moss-Service Funeral Home on April 15, 2026, from 2-3 p.m. A Committal Service will be held at New Hope #1 Cemetery, 3121 County Road 998, Cullman, AL 35057, on April 15, 2026, from 3-3:30 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Minnie Jo Thomas, 90
Mrs. Minnie Jo Thomas passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at her residence at the age of 90. A Celebration of Life Service will be Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 11 a.m. at Vinemont Christian Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 9-11 a.m. Jo was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on Feb. 11, 1936. She was the daughter of Homer Wiley Blankenship and Grace Estelle Rutherford Blankenship. Jo was a hard worker all her life. She attended North Vinemont School and graduated from there in the 9th grade. She went on to graduate from Cullman High in 1953. She worked as a hospital assistant at Cullman Hospital and St Joseph Hospital in Pensacola, FL. She helped her dad on the farm and gardened. She Volunteered at the Commission on Aging, was a CARTS driver and a Cullman County School bus driver for over 20 years. She met and married A. David Thomas, on Dec. 2, 1960. They moved to Jo's home in Vinemont, Alabama, in 1963. She and David started Vinemont Christian Church Jan. 6, 1970, and ministered there for over 30 years and continued to be an active member until her passing. Jo enjoyed talking on the phone, gardening, yard sales, finding deals for other people, and writing letters. She took lots of people to the doctor, provided flowers for people's graves in the cemetery and talking to people about Jesus. Jo is preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Grace Blankenship, her husband of 59 years, David Thomas and her step-son Ronald Thomas. Jo is survived by her son, Nathan Thomas (Linda), step-children: Arthur David Thomas, Jr. and Sherree Sellers; her grandchildren: Katrina Collier Woodard (Jason), whom they raised from the age of thirteen months, Nathaniel Thomas (Lindsay), Joshua Thomas (Rachel), Marc Thomas and Justin Nunnelley; great grandchildren Joseph Thomas, Austin and Gregory Heislen. Those Officiating will be: Nathan Thomas and Nat Thomas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Vinemont Christian Church.

Sebrenia D. Waldrep, 64
Sebrenia D. Waldrep, age 64, of Vinemont, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at her home. She was born on Sept. 25, 1961, in West Point, Mississippi, to James and Joan Sansing Anderson. Sebrenia was a devoted member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Cullman Congregation. She will be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother who cherished her family deeply. She was preceded in death by her son, Mickey "Clay" Waldrep; her parents, James and Joan Anderson; and her sisters, Nina Cole and April Stevenson. She is survived by her husband, Mickey Waldrep; her daughters, Veronica Dawn (Jeff) Thompson and Vickie Nichole Sellers; a host of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and her brother, Dale Holloway. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Waldrep family.

Marialyce D. Lavelle, Oblate O.S.B., 78
Marialyce D. Lavelle was born July 22, 1947 and went to be with our Lord on April 7, 2026. She is preceded in death by her parents, Bernard John Lavelle and Phyllis Louise (Doe) Lavelle and is survived by her brother John Henry Lavelle and Sister-in-Law Patty Lavelle and nephews Justin (wife Ashi) and Jordan Lavelle. She graduated from Mount Sinai Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1968. Completed Training at Charity Hospital School of Anesthesia 1971 and graduated with a BSN in 1983 and Masters of Nursing in 1986 from Emory University. She was a member of American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Choral Guild of Atlanta. She also served our country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam era. It was her love of the St Benedictine sisters that brought her to Cullman, Alabama and she became an Oblate OSB at Sacred Heart Monastery. She worked as a CRNA at Cullman Regional Medical Center for over a decade. She was a kind-hearted, strong-willed woman, with deep love for her feline companions, who held a place in her heart far beyond that of just pets. She will be deeply missed by Drs. Tony and Nikki Ruse and their sons, Joseph and Nicholas, the Alwis family, and her close Oblate friends, Julie McMillan, Patricia Sharpton, Marilyn Williams. Funeral Mass for Marialyce will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Monastery at 916 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL 35055. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Monastery Catholic Cemetery. Flowers and donations can be made to the above address with St Benedictine Sisters, ATTN: Lavelle Service, or Good Mews Animal Foundation, which is a nonprofit, no-kill, cage-free shelter for cats.

Frankie Lee Jones, 78
Frankie Lee Jones, 78, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on April 13, 2026. Born May 30, 1947, in Alabama, Frankie lived a life marked by steady devotion, diligent work, and a generous willingness to serve others—qualities that shaped his family, his career, and his community. Frankie's sense of duty and perseverance were evident across decades of service. He dedicated 22 years to the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant through hard work and steadfast commitment. After his military career, he continued to lead with integrity as CFO of Magnet Paint in West Point, Alabama, bringing the same discipline and reliability to his work that had long defined him. Frankie also answered the call to civic service. In 1992, he served one term as Mayor of Good Hope, Alabama, and later served two terms as a council member in West Point, Alabama. His loyalty to community and belief in showing up—consistently and without fanfare—were further reflected in his 58 years as a Mason with West Point Lodge, where he received his 50-year pin in 2018. Frankie was preceded in death by his wife, Sharron Stewart Jones; his father, Cecil Jones; his mother, Myrtle Bartlett Jones; and his brother, Jimmy Jones. He is survived by his daughter, Kandi Rosenthal (Eric); his son, Jimmy Jones (Lisa); his sister, Peggy Brewer (W. M.); his sister, Brenda Bagwell (Coy); his granddaughter, Ashlee Stancil; his grandson, Sam Horton; his grandson, Sean Jones; his granddaughter, Leanna Jones; and his great grandchildren, Zoey and Fiona. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, Cullman, Alabama, on April 17, 2026, from 11-1 p.m. Frankie's Celebration of Life Funeral Service will follow at 1 p.m. with Adam Edmondson officiating. Interment will be in White Oak Cemetery, Logan, Alabama. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Betty Jean Wood, 91
Betty Jean Wood, 91, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully at Woodland Village Nursing and Rehab on April 15, 2026, with her family by her side. Betty Jean was born Aug. 25, 1934, in Maxton, North Carolina, to the late Luther Thomas "Red" and Lena Walters English. The youngest of 3 siblings, she was raised in Maxton, North Carolina, where she graduated from Maxton High School. She lettered as a varsity cheerleader and was crowned Miss Maxton. Once graduated she attended Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, North Carolina, where she received a degree in business shortly thereafter. On Dec. 13, 1953, she married Rex Johnny Wood Jr and together they raised four children. In addition to being a wonderful mother and homemaker for many years she earned her real estate agent license in Rock Hill, South Carolina and worked many years as the Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant for Willoughby Roofing and Construction until she retired in Cullman, Alabama. She loved reading and was a fan of Nicholas Sparks, doing word search puzzles, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and Great-grandchildren. She was dearly loved by all who knew her. She and my father loved their trips to the beach whether it was the Eastern shores of the Carolinas or the Gulf Coast of Florida and Alabama. Betty is predeceased by her husband of 72 years Rex who passed Jan. 30, 2025, (who lovingly called her "Bug"), her sister Elizabeth Warwick of Lumberton, North Carolina, a brother Luther Thomas English Jr of Maxton, North Carolina, and a granddaughter Sarah Kristen Wood of Cullman, Alabama. She is survived by her four children Rex Johnny Wood III (Deborah), Luther Thomas Wood (Linda), Deborah Lynn Cummings, and Cheryl Ann Fellague-Chebra (Kamel), grandchildren Ashley Wood Edwards (Andrew), Christopher Thomas Wood, Steven Cody Cummings (Lisa), James Carson Cummings (Katherine). Great- grandchildren Trenton Wood, Ethan Edwards, Cooper Wood, Kopis Cummings, Kal Cummings and Ryan Cummings. Also surviving is her sister-in-law Marguerite Wilson of Winston Salem North Carolina and several nieces and nephews whom she loved very much. Following a private service April 19, 2026, with family in attendance she will be interred with her husband Rex at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Mausoleum. We wish to thank Enhabit Hospice and Woodland Village for the wonderful care of our mother in her final days. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Enhabit Hospice.

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Agriplex hosting summer camps

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This summer, the North Alabama Agriplex is giving kids a chance to try new adventures. Along with popular returning programs, kitchen-based activities have been added.

Executive Director Rachel Dawsey explained that the new Kitchen Camps are possible because of the Agriplex's teaching kitchen, which opens May 1. With this upgrade, staff can offer more hands-on cooking and baking than before.

Sewing Camps are also coming back after a break during construction, thanks to strong interest.

The Agriplex's long-running programs still focus on connecting kids with local agriculture.

Touring Farms for Kids takes children to different farms around Cullman County and nearby areas. This program gives families a chance to experience farming up close, often for the first time.

Garden Camp gives kids another hands-on experience, letting them harvest, plant and taste fresh produce. Activities include digging up vegetables like potatoes, carrots and onions, making floral arrangements and working on planting projects they can take home to keep learning after camp.

The Agriplex is also keeping its Nature Day Camp, which it runs with 4-H, part of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. This camp started as a program from a retired educator and has grown with help from local groups like Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism and the Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Besides teaching about agriculture, Dawsey said the camps help kids build confidence and feel supported. Many families return each year because they enjoy the strong sense of community these programs foster.

The camps are designed for all ages, from preschoolers to teens.. Younger kids often join with a parent, while older children attend on their own in groups for their age. Organizers keep things interesting with animal encounters, garden projects and new features like a sunflower house and an aeroponics tower garden.

Learn more at www.agriplex.org.



Clothed in Cullman set for April 30

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The annual Clothed in Cullman fundraiser, which supports Curt's Closet, will take place on April 30 at The Venue at Cotton Creek.

The popular "Heads or Tails" game is now a staple of the fundraiser. This interactive game gives guests a chance to win over $700 in local gift cards and brings a fun, lively energy to the night.

"Heads or Tails is the part of the night where you can feel the whole room loosen up," said Curt's Closet Founder Ashley Wilson. "It's just pure fun, and honestly, I love watching grown adults get so serious about calling heads or tails. It cracks me up every year."

The event will also have expanded silent and live auctions, offering a variety of items and experiences donated by community members and local businesses.

Auction categories include experience packages like weekend getaways and family outings, home and garden items, activities for children and families, restaurant and boutique packages and special high-value items for the live auction.

This year, organizers have added new features to make the event more memorable and to encourage even more community involvement.

"We wanted to add something fresh," Wilson said. "People come ready to have a good time, and we want to give them moments they'll talk about long after the night is over."

Catering By Teresa will provide dinner, and guests can also look forward to door prizes and other surprises throughout the evening.

Money raised from the event will go directly to Curt's Closet programs, including the Back to School initiative, which gives children backpacks, shoes, clothing and undergarments before the school year starts.

"Back to School is one of those seasons where you can literally see confidence forming right in front of you," Wilson said. "A new pair of shoes can make a child feel like they belong. That matters more than people realize."

The organization also runs Curt's Christmas, a program that helps over 500 children and nearly 200 families each year through partnerships with Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools.

The fundraiser is key to keeping these programs going and helping children throughout the community.

Doors for Clothed in Cullman open at 5:30 p.m., and the silent auction starts then. Dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by the live auction at 7.

Tickets and table reservations are still available at https://tinyurl.com/y6a3my2a.

Find out more at www.facebook.com/clothedincullman.



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Curt's Closet Founder Ashley Wilson speaks at the 2022 Clothed in Cullman event.





