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Randall Hogan indicted on murder, abuse of a corpse charges in connection with 2020 disappearance of Jeffery Wilhite

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman man on April 13, 2026, was indicted on charges of murder, abuse of a corpse and tampering with physical evidence. Randall Dewayne Hogan, 70, is facing the charges in connection with the April 2, 2020, disappearance of Vinemont resident Jeffery Glenn Wilhite, 59.

Hogan was originally arrested in connection with the case following an Oct. 30, 2023, grand jury indictment for murder; however, shortly before his November 2025 trial date, the State dismissed the case without prejudice, leaving the door open for it to be refiled, based on » PAGE 3



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Randall Dewayne Hogan

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Expansions progressing at CDC, Hanceville Middle School



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State and local officials cut the ribbon on the Cullman County Child Development Center expansion on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools officials marked the district's ongoing growth on Thursday, April 16, holding two ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new and planned facility expansions. Alabama State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey was also on-hand for both events.

At the Cullman County Child Development Center, school leaders gave an update on a $2.4 million building addition, scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2026. The project will add eight classrooms, a storm shelter and better traffic flow and will replace mobile units with permanent classrooms.

District officials said these improvements aim to make the school safer and more functional, while also meeting the needs of a growing student population. Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said the expansion shows the district's growth and its commitment to updating school facilities.

"We've been growing by leaps and bounds and it's about time that we got to add several new classrooms so we can expand our school and give our kids more learning environments that are up to date and modern," Barnette said.

Besides adding classrooms, the CDC project will help solve traffic » PAGE 3



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Center of the Arts Community Theatre receives $750K boost from ARC



2024 TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO
The Center of the Arts Community Theatre will be located at 303 Clark St. NE. » PAGE 3

Bloomin' Festival this weekend!



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The finishing touches were being put on preparations for the 42nd annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair on Friday, April 17, 2026. The festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19, at St. Bernard. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 17, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 13

- harassing communications; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; CR 1216
- theft of property; CR 1699
- domestic violence; CR 1352
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; CR 248
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Harbison Dr.

April 14

- harassing communications; CR 1295
- trafficking drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- assault; CR 1442
- harassing communications; Edmondson Rd. NE
- violation of protection order; CR 1396
- violation of protection order; CR 587
- harassing communications; CR 1073

April 15

- harassing communications; Hwy. 91
- assault; CR 1489
- theft of property; CR 38
- burglary; Commercial St. SE
- harassing communications; CR 1295

ARRESTS

April 13-15

Baker, Robert N.; 41
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – reckless driving
- FTA – improper lane usage

Belton, Rodriquez K.; 24
- FTA – possession of marijuana
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – improper lights

Gurganus, Matthew A.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hill, Joseph L.; 58
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Key, Seth P.; 43
- FTA – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Little, Tommy L.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

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

Moctezuma, Kimberly L.; 32
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Myers, Nathan J.; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Olison, Quinton B.; 18
- criminal mischief-damaged property

Barber, Tonya M.; 50
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Bibb, Demilah C.; 33
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Dale, Dianne H.; 61
- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)

Dooley, Tyler D.; 32
- GJ – homicide-murder-non-family gun (2 counts)

Harris, Jamie E.; 22
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Hogan, Randall D.; 69
- GJ – homicide-murder-non-family gun
- GJ – morals/decency crime – abuse of corpse
- GJ – tampering with physical evidence

Honeycutt, Henry M.; 44
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Lang, Adam W.; 44
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Large, Andrea C.; 49
- drug trafficking
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Myslinski, James M.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Robertson, Samantha S.; 25
- GJ – homicide-murder-non-family gun (2 counts)

Averill, Charles R.; 46
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Baggett, Christopher J.; 40
- public intoxication

Bailey, Amanda L.; 40
- public intoxication

Batemon, Alexis F.; 23
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card (2 counts)
- theft-theft from residence, $500-less than $1500
- unauthorized use of auto-no force (joyriding)

Fitzgerald, Shanna M.; 38
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Lang, Adam W.; 44
- theft of property-2nd degree - theft of a firearm, rifle, or shotgun, regardless of its value

Nethery, Jr., Auburn Z.; 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 14
- burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; damaged property, miscellaneous; Sheraton Rd. SE

April 15
- menacing; person; Lee Ave. SW

April 16
- domestic violence-2nd degree – criminal mischief-1st degree; person; 9th St. SE

ARRESTS

April 14-16

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

Nethery, Jr., Auburn Z.; 34
- obstructing justice using false ID
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – improper turn

Hill, Christopher D.; 41
- DUI

Jenkins, Michaila M.; 27
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving without license

Brown, Marcus A.; 26
- hindering prosecution-2nd degree

Angle, Shane E.; 44
- domestic violence-2nd degree – criminal mischief-1st degree

Bailey, Richard E.; 43
- motor vehicle speed contest
- reckless endangerment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Bloomin' Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Bloomin' Festival returns this weekend to the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School, offering unique arts and crafts, demonstrations, food, live music and more.

Festival Director Joyce Nix said there will be over 160 booths with handmade items like birdhouses, jewelry, clothing, pottery, soaps and candles. Live demonstrations will take place throughout the event.

"We have such a big selection," Nix said. "You name it, it's here."

Besides shopping, visitors can watch demonstrations by artisans such as a chair caner, blacksmith, broom maker and a chainsaw artist who will carve on-site.

Student performances are set for Sunday at 1 p.m.

Food vendors will serve a variety of choices, like barbecue, hamburgers, hot dogs, Polish sausage, funnel cakes, fried Oreos and fresh-squeezed lemonade. Specialty treats include homemade cheese straws, fudge, strawberry waffles and the wildly popular Monk Bread.

Nix said the festival remains consistent, with about 165 booths and still focusing on being family-friendly.

"This festival is critical to the operation of our school," she said. "Our students and their families have worked hard to help prepare, and we have many volunteers coming out to support it."

The festival is the largest fundraiser annually for the operation and maintenance of St. Bernard Prep. Visitors are advised to wear comfortable shoes, bring sunscreen and be ready for sunny weather. The festival runs Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. One of the main attractions is a 2026 Buick Encore giveaway at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is a suggested $10 donation (kids 12 and younger get in free). No pets, please.

St. Bernard is located at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE in Cullman. Get more information at www.bloominfestival.com and www.facebook.com/bloominfestival.

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Boost (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, announced a $750,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to the City of Cullman to support the renovation of a new community theater center in the city's downtown district.

The funding will be matched by $750,000 in local investment, bringing the total project cost to $1.5 million.

"This is a tremendous investment in Cullman and in the future of our local economy," said Aderholt. "Projects like this community theater will not only enhance quality of life for residents, but also attract visitors, support small businesses and continue the strong momentum we've seen in downtown Cullman."

The project, referenced as the Center of the Arts Community Theatre, will convert the historic First United Pentecostal Church building, located at the corner of Third Avenue Northeast and Clark Street Northeast, behind Cullman City Hall, into a 6,050-square-foot space featuring a 200-seat performance hall, stage, dressing rooms and event area.

The Cullman City Council approved the purchase of the church back on July 22, 2024.

"Cullman has seen a surge in tourism in recent years, with more than 800,000 visitors traveling to the downtown district in the past year — a 200% increase in foot traffic. The new theater is expected to further boost economic activity and support the 35 nearby businesses in the area," according to Aderholt.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs expressed appreciation for the federal, state and local partnership behind the project. "We are incredibly grateful to Congressman Robert Aderholt, his team and ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell for their support in securing this ARC grant.

"This investment allows us to preserve an important historic space while expanding opportunities for the arts in Cullman. It represents a meaningful step forward in enhancing quality of life and building on the momentum we're seeing across our community."

Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, This investment opens the door to something special for our community, providing a dedicated home for our community band, theater and choir while allowing us to expand programming alongside our festivals. It creates a stage to showcase some of Cullman's greatest talent. It also supports year-round experiences that enhance quality of life for our residents and draw visitors from across the region. We are incredibly grateful to all who helped make this possible."

"I appreciate ARC's continued commitment to strengthening economic development in north Alabama," Aderholt added. "This project is a great example of how strategic investments can transform communities and create lasting opportunities."

In August 2025, CPRST hosted a community forum for the Center of the Arts Community Theatre, seeking the public's input on the project.

Said Anderson at the time, "We asked questions about event priorities, seating styles, design features, accessibility and overall vision," he said. "The responses gave us a clear picture of what our community values most — from flexible, open floor space to strong acoustics, accessible amenities and the ability to host everything from community theater to national touring acts."



Hogan (from Front)

newly discovered evidence.

In May 2025, while out on bond, Hogan was arrested again for violating the terms of his pre-trial release.

Following his May 2025 arrest, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker shared, "This defendant was granted a bond back in 2023, which we opposed under Aniah's Law. Last week we filed to revoke his bond because he was arrested for a new offense. We had a contested revocation hearing on Monday and Judge (Emily) Johnston revoked his bond and jailed him."

Under the terms of his April 2026 indictment, Hogan will be held without bond under Aniah's Law.

Aniah's Law, named after 19-year-old Aniah Blanchard, is a state constitutional amendment passed in 2022 that allows judges to deny bail for certain violent crimes (e.g., murder, robbery, human trafficking, etc.). Blanchard was murdered in 2019 by a man who was out on bond on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping, robbery and assault in an unrelated case.

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
• 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
Saturday, April 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.

Expansions (from Front)

problems by creating almost 40 new parking spaces and separating parent and bus traffic to make things safer.

At Hanceville Middle School, officials talked about a separate $3.3 million expansion project approved by the Cullman County Board of Education. The new addition will have several classrooms, a library, meeting space and a tornado shelter. It will replace Edmondson Hall, which is one of the district's oldest buildings.

District leaders said the project will use a mix of state and grant funding, so construction can move forward without the district taking on debt. Hanceville Middle School Principal Elizabeth Watwood said the expansion will make daily life much better for students, faculty and staff.

"This gives us the ability to all be kind of contained in one area instead of spread out," Watwood said. "The library is between the high school and the elementary, so this gives us our own dedicated space, helps us with safety and then also gives us room to spread out and add units."

Watwood also said the new facilities will offer updated learning spaces, including dedicated classrooms with better resources that the school has needed for a long time.



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Wallace State Women Capture ACCC Tennis Championship; Standifer earns player of the year

Russell Frye
WSCC Sports Information

MILLBROOK, Ala. — Wallace State won the ACCC Women's Tennis Tournament championship at 17 Springs in Millbrook, finishing with victories in five singles finals and all three doubles finals against Coastal Alabama South. With the win, the Lady Lions earned a trip to the NJCAA National Tournament in Sumter, South Carolina, scheduled for May 2-6.

In singles play, Wallace State claimed titles at No. 1 through No. 5 singles.

At No. 1 singles, Madison Standifer defeated Walter of Coastal Alabama South 6-4, 6-2. Jaedyn Martin won the No. 2 singles championship with a 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 victory over Mabiongo. Indira Wilson earned the No. 3 singles title by defeating Johnson 7-5, 7-5.

Lydia Lichlyter captured the No. 4 singles championship with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Lamgendries. Elizabeth Standifer rallied after dropping the first set to defeat Stenger 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 5 singles final.

At No. 6 singles, Jayden Johnson fell to Kocyte in the semifinals 6-2, 6-0.

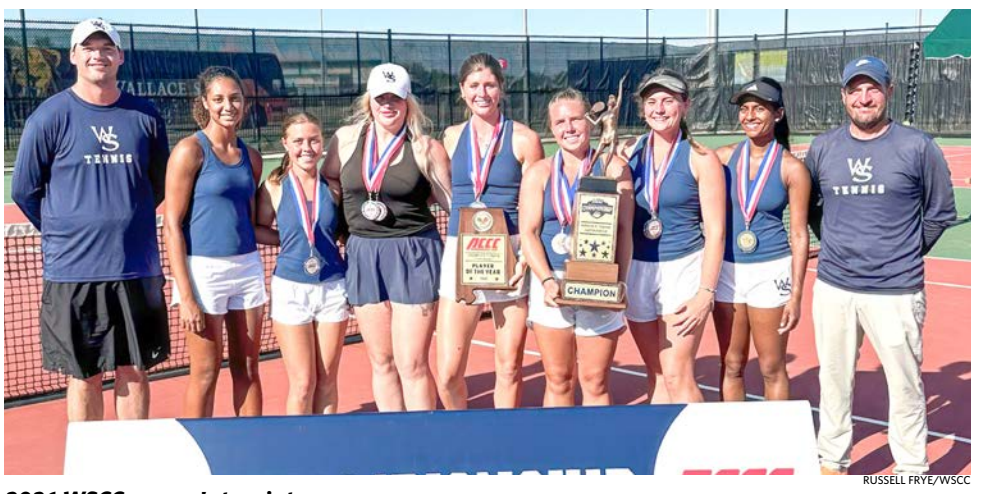
Wallace State also swept the doubles championships.

At No. 1 doubles, Madison Standifer and Wilson defeated Mabiongo and Kocyte 6-3, 6-3. Lichlyter and Martin won the No. 2 doubles title with a 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Walter and Stenger.

At No. 3 doubles, Elizabeth Standifer and Johnson defeated Lamgendries and Parris 6-4, 7-6.

Following the tournament, Madison Standifer was named ACCC Player of the Year.

Standifer and Martin earned first-team all-conference honors, while Wilson was named second-team all-conference.



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2026 WSCC women's tennis team

Wallace State Men Win ACCC Tennis Championship; Gautier named player of the year

Russell Frye
WSCC Sports Information

MILLBROOK, Ala. — Wallace State won the ACCC Men's Tennis Tournament championship at 17 Springs in Millbrook, earning the conference title and advancing to the NJCAA National Tournament in Plano, Texas, scheduled for May 11-15.

In singles play, Wallace State won titles at No. 1, No. 5 and No. 6 singles.

At No. 1 singles, Angel Gautier defeated Coastal Alabama South's representative 6-1, 6-2. Luka Uzelac won the No. 5 singles championship with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Guyot.

Tom Köpf captured the No. 6 singles title with a 6-0, 7-4 win over Yanez.

At No. 2 singles, Alexander Grube Anderson lost to Gimenez 6-4, 1-6, 7-5. Jean Badenhorst fell to Olagnon 7-6, 6-4 at No. 3 singles, while Francois Van Wyk lost to Velasco at No. 4 singles.

In doubles play, Wallace State won two of the three championship matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Gautier and Grube Anderson defeated Gimenez and Velasco of Coastal Alabama South. At No. 3 doubles, Köpf and Matias Vargas defeated Cordeau and Yanez 6-4, 6-3.

At No. 2 doubles, Badenhorst and Van Wyk lost to Guyot and Olagnon 7-6, 5-7, 6-2.

Following the tournament, Gautier was named ACCC Player of the Year.

Gautier and Grube Anderson earned first-team all-conference honors, while Köpf was named second-team all-conference.



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2026 WSCC Mens tennis

PREP SOCCER

Meharg scores twice as Cullman seals area with 3-0 win over Mortimer Jordan

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After the girls team blew out the Blue Devils 8-0 to seal their area, Cullman's boys took the field to face off against Mortimer Jordan in the final game of the season.

In their prior matchup, Cullman took a 6-1 victory, and while the Bearcats only scored half as many points this game, it was in their control start to finish.

To open the scoring, Bearcat forward Carlos Medina snuck one by the Blue Devils goalkeeper in the 33rd minute of the first half. Then, just a minute and a half later, Grayson Meharg tucked a shot just under the crossbar to give Cullman a 2-0 lead which they'd take into the half.

After threatening on multiple possessions, Meharg broke through again in the 25th minute of the second half.

Out on the wing, he sent one from deep, sneaking in another high shot to make it 3-0, a lead the Bearcats would hold to seal the victory and the area title.

"We look strong. It's an incredibly joyful experience to get to work with a group of guys who love the game and who work so hard every week.

"I asked them to suffer for each other, asked them to desire it every week and asked them to always believe in every single game of the regular season. They've shown up and done those things, and I couldn't ask for any more because that's how we get better," Cullman head coach Will Drake said after the win.

The Bearcats now await their matchup for the first round of state playoffs next week.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Grayson Meharg

PREP BASEBALL

Cullman collects area doubleheader sweep of Mortimer Jordan

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After falling just short in their area game at Mortimer Jordan on Tuesday afternoon, the Bearcats hosted the Blue Devils in a huge area doubleheader on Thursday night. Game one saw Mortimer Jordan get out to a quick 5-0 lead going into the bottom of the fourth, but in the blink of an eye, Cullman's offense quickly exploded in the next two innings, scoring seven in the fourth, and they added eight more runs in the fifth to help seal their 15-5 win over the Blue Devils. Cullman jumped out to a quick lead in game two and kept added onto their lead as the game went on, as they would go on to complete their sweep of Mortimer Jordan, 14-1.

Cullman 15 – Mortimer Jordan 5 (Game One)

Michael Shadeck got the start for the Bearcats in game one and instantly gave up a home run to lead off the game, but he was able to limit the damage after that. Cullman went down in order in the first two innings, then Mortimer Jordan added a two-out RBI single in the top of the third to take a 2-0 lead. Case Edwards led off the bottom of the third with a single, and a sacrifice bunt moved him over to second, but the Blue Devils were able to collect the final two outs of the inning to keep the Bearcats off of the scoreboard. Mortimer Jordan continue to pad their lead in the top of the fourth, as they drove in a run on a ground ball and a two-run double to stretch their lead to 5-0.

After getting shut down by Mortimer Jordan's starting pitcher through three innings, Cullman's offense quickly came to life in a big way in the bottom of the fourth. A pair of walks and an error loaded the bases, then Colt Colvard hit a sacrifice fly to bring home Tyler Brock to cut it to 5-1.

A hit by pitch loaded up the bases once again, then Case Edwards added a sacrifice fly of his own to make it a 5-2 game. A walk loaded the bases with two outs, and Brody Vincent drove in Cross Bowen on an RBI single to trim it to just a two-run game.

The biggest blow of the inning, though, would come from one of Cullman's hottest hitters, Jonah Inman, as he lined a 3-0 pitch over the right field fence for a grand slam to give the Bearcats their first lead of the game at 7-5.

New pitcher Griffin Wright worked around a couple of walks to get out of the fifth inning unscathed. Cullman's offense ended things in their half. Carson Stancil led off the inning with a single, then Bowen lined an RBI double to left field to put Cullman up, 8-5. A hit by pitch put runners at first and second with nobody out, and Knox Mauldin lined an RBI single to left field to make it 9-5.

A sacrifice bunt followed by a hit by pitch loaded the bases with one out, then a sacrifice fly by Vincent brought home both Colvard and Mauldin to stretch their lead to 11-5.

Back-to-back walks loaded the bases, then a balk allowed Jake Weathersby to score to make it 12-5. Another walk brought home Inman, and Colvard ended the game with a two-run single to center field to give the Bearcats the 15-5 win in game one.

Inman finished with a grand slam in the game for Cullman. Colvard and Vincent both ended up with a hit and three RBIs. Bowen posted a hit and two RBIs, while Mauldin and Edwards each collected a hit and an RBI in the win.

Cullman 14 – Mortimer Jordan 1 (Game Two)

Griffin Wright took the mound to start out game two for the Bearcats and despite walking the leadoff hitter, he settled down and got two straight strikeouts, then after walking the next batter, he punched out the next one to keep Mortimer Jordan off of the scoreboard. Cullman's offense picked up from where they left off last game. Inman drew a leadoff walk, then an error put runners at the corners with nobody out. Carson Stancil hit an RBI single up the middle to give the Bearcats the early lead. Another single loaded the bases for Colvard, whose sacrifice fly made it 2-0.

Wright set the Blue Devils down in order in the second, and Cullman added another run in their half. Weathersby led off the inning with a triple to right field, then one out later, Weathersby came home to score on a fielder's choice to put the Bearcats up, 3-0.

Mortimer Jordan loaded the bases in the top of the third, and a bases-loaded walk cut it to 3-1, but new pitcher Max Carver came in and struck out the first batter he saw to keep it at a two-run game.

Cullman added on to their lead in the bottom of the third. Bowen and Colvard led off the inning with back-to-back singles, then after a double steal, Mauldin lined an RBI single to center field to make it 4-1. Shadeck came in for Mauldin and proceeded to steal second two pitches later, then on the next pitch, Vincent's RBI single up the middle brought home Colvard, then Weathersby drove in Shadeck on a bunt single to widen their lead to 6-1.

Later that inning, the Bearcats loaded the bases with one out, and Brock's sacrifice fly made it 7-1.

For the second straight game, Cullman broke the game wide open in the bottom of the fourth. Bowen led off the inning with a single, then after a ground ball moved him over to third, Mauldin lined the first pitch he saw over the left field fence for a two-run home run to give the Bearcats a commanding 9-1 lead.

After a walk, Weathersby's second triple of the game brought home pinch-runner Cannon Bowen, then Edwards added a sacrifice fly to make it 11-1.

After a hit by pitch, Wynn Shannon, Inman's pinch-runner, moved up to second and third on a pair of wild pitches, and Brock hit an RBI single to put them up, 12-1. Three pitches later, Stancil launched a two-run home run over the right field fence to give them a 14-1 lead.

After giving up a leadoff single in the top of the fifth, Carver quickly collected the final three outs of the game to put the finishing touches on a 14-1 rout in game two and a sweep of the Blue Devils.

Stancil (home run) and Mauldin (home run) both finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs in the win for the Bearcats.

Weathersby added a trio of hits and two RBIs. Brock posted a hit and two RBIs, while Colvard (one hit), Vincent (one hit), Inman, and Edwards all drove in a run for Cullman (23-6, 5-1). Wright and Carver combined to give up just three hits, one earned run, walked four, and struck out eight in five innings.

The Bearcats will travel to take on Memphis University School on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. and will also take on Collierville to close out the regular season at 1:30 p.m.

PREP BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Scores and stats from April 16

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BASEBALL

- Addison 5, Sumiton 2 – **Batting:** T. Thompson 2-3 (3B), 1 RBI **Pitching:** J. Williams 7.0 IP, 5 H, 0 ER, 3 K, W
- Cold Springs 10, Meek 0 – **Batting:** A. Black (CS) 4-5 (3B), 2 RBI **Pitching:** A. Black 6.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 5 K, W
- Cold Springs 17, Meek 7 – **Batting:** D. Prevatt (CS) 1-2 (2B), 3 RBI **Pitching:** C. Johnson 3.1 IP, 5 ER, 6 K, W
- Cullman 15, Mortimer Jordan 5 – **Batting:** J. Inman 1-3 (HR) 4 RBI **Pitching:** G. Wright 1.0 IP, 1 H, 0 ER, 0 K, W
- Cullman 14, Mortimer Jordan 1 – **Batting:** K. Mauldin 2-3 (HR), 3 RBI **Pitching:** G. Wright 2.2 IP, 1 H, 1 ER, 5 K, W
- Brewer 9, Fairview 1 – **Batting:** C. Nelson 2-3 **Pitching:** C. Cullen 3.0 IP, 4 H, 3 ER, 8 K
- Athens Bible 10, Holly Pond 7 – **Batting:** J. Miller 2-4, 2 RBI **Pitching:** H. Stephens 4.1 IP, 0 ER
- Russellville 12, West Point 4 – **Batting:** B. Freeman 2-2 Pitching: A. Freeman 2.2 IP, 0 H, 0 ER, 2 K
- Russellville 11, West Point 0 – **Batting:** B. Freeman 1-2 **Pitching:** G. Dubenezic 5.0 IP, 4 H, 4 ER, 8 K

SOFTBALL

- Vinemont 15, Addison 5 – **Batting:** B. Howard (Vine.) 4-5 (2B,3B) 4 RBI Pitching: A. Thompson (Vine.) 6.0 IP, 5 ER, 8 K
- Hanceville 19, Cold Springs 12 – **Batting:** K.K. Butler (Hance.) 3-4 (2B x2), 5 RBI **Pitching:** I. Spinks (Hance.) 3.0 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, 6 K
- Cullman 10, Mortimer Jordan 5 – **Batting:** H. Graham 2-4 (2B,HR), 3 RBI **Pitching:** K. Storey 1.2 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 2 K, W
- West Morgan 8, Good Hope 4 – **Batting:** L. Steed 1-4 (3B) **Pitching:** M. Benefield 7.0 IP, 3 ER, 5 K
- Corner 14, West Point 4 – **Batting:** K. Jones 2-3 (2B) **Pitching:** K. Jones 5.1 IP, 10 ER, 2 K



Cullman FBC fitness class helping local seniors

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A new strength and fitness class at Cullman First Baptist Church aims to help local seniors improve their balance, build strength and connect with others.

Jeanne Madara said she started the class after she fell in the church parking lot last year, which made her think more about her own health. "I am 62, and I realized as we age, our balance and strength leaves us if we don't use it consistently," Madara said.

After her fall, she said, she was surprised to learn that many others had similar experiences, showing there was a bigger need in the church community.

Madara, who encourages and coordinates the church's senior group called Seasoned Saints, started the class to help people get stronger and steadier, while also building accountability and friendship. The group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in a room on the north side of the church's lower level. Each session starts with about 15 minutes of balance exercises using a chair, then moves on to around 30 minutes of seated strength training.

The class follows guided workouts from online instructors on a large TV, so everyone can go at their own pace.

There's no need to sign up, and anyone can join, no matter their fitness level. Madara said some people in the group are recovering from surgeries like knee or shoulder procedures, and they find the class helpful along with their physical therapy.

"My goal was encouragement and accountability," she said. "Anyone can do this at home, but we all agreed that we just don't do it at home."

While the class is still growing, Madara said there's space to expand, with plans to move to a bigger room if needed.

Participants say the class has already brought people together, giving them not just physical benefits but also a chance to make friends.

"We truly have a good time," Madara said. "We feel encouraged by each other and we have made new friends."

Call the church at 256-734-5632 to learn more.



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Left to right are Jeanne Madara, Debbie Cellucci, Diane Shaddix, Paula Dobson, Virginia Key, Deanie Penney and Kathy King.

Winners (from Front)

Stephanie Blair
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Various county school students on Tuesday, April 14, met at The Venue at Cotton Creek for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Cullman County Poultry Cook-off.

Students competed in two categories: Casseroles and Whole Pieces.

Casseroles winners

- First: Fuller Williams from Good Hope
- Second: Reese Gutherie from West Point
- Third: Macie Garmon from CATA
- Fourth: Haley Bullard from Good Hope
- Fifth: Emma Beavers from West Point

Whole Pieces winners

- First: Logan Johnson from Hanceville
- Second: Alex Weismore from Cold Springs
- Third: Lola Haynes from Fairview
- Fourth: Tori Williamson from Good Hope
- Fifth: Adalyn Sharp from Hanceville

Participating FCCLA sponsors and schools were Stephanie Blair from Cold Springs High School, Amie Veal from the Cullman Area Technology Academy, Whitney Haynes from Fairview High School, Amanda Williams from Good Hope High School, Amy Chambers from Hanceville High School, Amelia Burke from Holly Pond High School and Renee Lee from West Point High School.

The event was sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation Women's Committee, which also provided judges.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Whole Pieces winners, left to right: Logan Johnson, Alex Weismore, Lola Haynes, Tori Williamson and Adalyn Sharp



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Casseroles winners, left to right: Fuller Williams, Reese Gutherie, Macie Garmon, Haley Bullard and Emma Beavers

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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

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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

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

PROBATE COURT
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

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

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
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

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

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

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
WILLIAM RONALD PARKER
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2025-247

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,
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,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2024-196

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

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

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

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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, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

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2018	Nissan	Sentra (White)	VIN 3N1AB7AP7JY306190
2005	Ford	F-150 (White)	VIN 1FTRF12215NB58464
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2007	Chevrolet	Suburban (white)	VIN 1GNFK16347J178033
2017	Jeep	Patriot (black)	VIN 1C4NJRFB6HD174739
2011	Kia	Optima (Black)	VIN KNAGM4A72B5071869

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,
A MINOR CHILD.

CASE NO. 25-JU-2026-000096.01

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.

FILED IN OFFICE
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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

Done this the 8 day of April, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

JERRY L. KILGO
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
421 Third Avenue SE,
Post Office Box 156
CULLMAN, AL. 35056

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

COREY REEVES,
Plaintiff/Counter-Defendant,
V.
CASEY HUNTER and BLAKE HUNTER,
Defendant/Counter-Plaintiffs.

CASE NO: CV 2026 – 900013

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

INVITATION TO BID

Project: Water System Improvements
(herein referred to as the 'Project').

Owner: The Town of Garden City, Alabama
501 1st Avenue S (Physical Address)
Garden City, AL 35070
P. O. Box 172 (Mailing Address)
Garden City, AL 35053

Engineer: St. John & Associates, Inc.
508 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Date: April 18, 2026

Sealed Bids for the completion of the Project located in Garden City, Alabama will be received at the location of the bid opening until 2:00 pm local time on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Any Bids received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Garden City Town Hall, 501 1st Avenue South, Garden City, AL 35070.

The Project generally consists of the construction of approximately 5,600 L.F. of 8-inch waterline along U.S. Highway 31. Construction will require approximately 1,975 L.F. of trenchless installation by horizontal directional drilling for a river crossing of the Mulberry Fork. Associated work also includes erosion and sediment control, traffic control, site restoration and landscaping of disturbed areas. The Owner requires the Project to be substantially complete in 180 calendar days from the date that the Contract Times commence to run as indicated on the Notice to Proceed.

A prebid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 501 1st Avenue South, Garden City, AL 35070. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project.

In order to Bid on the Project, the Bidder shall possess a valid General Contractor's license for work in the State of Alabama. The Contractor's license number shall be clearly indicated on the outside of sealed Bid envelopes. Bidder and its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable licensing requirements of the Code of Alabama, federal and local Laws or Regulations.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, not to exceed $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) and evidence of insurance as prescribed in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are directed to the Instructions to Bidders - Document 00 21 15 and the other Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer; hard-copy documents may be obtained upon nonrefundable payment of $200.00 for each set of documents, including one set of drawings, legal requirements and specifications. Digital copies of the bid documents are also available at www.SJAOnline.com for a fee of $50.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the 'Planroom' link. For assistance and free registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com. Funding assistance for the Project is from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. Information on the applicable federal requirements is contained within the documents.

Bid shall be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

By: The Town of Garden City, Alabama
Honorable Timothy D. Eskew, Mayor

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I fell in love with Ronda

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Now, before you let your mind go where it shouldn't, this Ronda is not a woman. Ronda was the next city we visited in Spain. It is a place of stunning beauty, but it is a deeply divided city. The water of the Guadalevin River separates the city as it runs through the basin of El Tajo Gorge more than 300 feet below the ancient city.

Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount, talked about a city that is set on a hill and cannot be hidden. Ronda is such a city. It is clearly visible from below and from far away. Ronda sits high on the hills on both sides of the canyon. I did fall in love with the beautiful city, but I was careful not fall off the city because it sits right on the edge of the cliffs. Some of the white Andalusian houses back right up to the edge of the canyon, giving those inhabitants spectacular scenes of grandeur out their back doors.

For many years the only way to cross from one side of the gorge to the other was to descend down steep rocky cliffs, cross the river and climb back up the other side. If family lived on the other side, obviously, they didn't visit one another much, if at all. Finally, way back in 1735, using stones quarried from the canyon itself, a bridge that spanned the canyon was successfully built. We walked across the bridge to the other side, but not the original bridge. It collapsed only six years after it was completed, killing 50 people. The new bridge that we crossed was built in 1793. To put this in some perspective, even the new bridge is almost as old as our young nation!

Standing on top of the new bridge I looked at the remnants of the original bridge and prayed that they knew why it collapsed and that history would not repeat itself! Seeing the beautiful city that clings to the cliffs above the rocky ravine and the rambling river deep below was well worth the trip and the risk. The views are so stunning that Ernest Hemmingway and Orson Wells were both part-time residents of Ronda. I think I found some inspiration to write there, too!

Ronda is believed by many to be the birthplace of modern-day bullfighting. I've never run with the bulls in Spain, but I have run from a bull in Alabama! I've never been to a bullfight, but I did see the arena in Ronda where it happens. Bull (toro) fighting is now highly controversial and is another thing that divides the city. It still haptpens, but not frequently, and tickets can cost as much as 1,000 euros.

After enjoying lunch at a nice sidewalk café, we had gelato just down the street. We strolled through the beautiful Alameda del Tajo park, built in 1806. The wide walking paths are paved with colorful tiles, but my favorite ones were constructed with small stones, like smooth river rocks. My favorite part of the park was at the far end where I gazed at the wide panoramic view of the canyon and it walls and heard guitar music. I followed the sound to track down the musician. I thought I had heard two or three guitars, but it was all from one gifted Spanish guitarist named Eugen. The bus did not leave me, but I may have listened too long! I bought one of Eugen's CDs, which has become my new favorite.

Help me Ronda, because I do love that place, and I can't get her out of my heart!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: April 18, 1957

From the files of April 18, 1957

Concord News
A number of people from this community went to the all day singing at Fairview Baptist Church Sunday.

Joe Abbott and daughter, Sherril of Memphis, Tenn. spent the week here with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Yeager, and other relatives.

Leon Abbott and family and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Yeager of Birmingham visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Pinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. Grady Dumas in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Mamie Butler and Tonie of Cullman spent Wednesday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pike.

T. O. Waldrop is home from the hospital. He is improving nicely.

Mrs. Jean Dollar visited Mrs. Dora Pike Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler and Tonie spent Sunday afternoon in Birmingham with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pruden of Birmingham spent last Monday night here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pike.

Mrs. Rubie Evans spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lela Boyd and Dora Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Butler visited the W. H. Pikes Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Casey is slowly improving. She is in the Caraway Methodist Hospital in Birmingham after a car wreck two weeks ago. Both legs are broken and she has other serious injury.

Fairview Has Womanless Wedding
A Womanless Wedding is being presented by the Fairview PTA Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 P. M.

A cleverly written farce, the wedding features Fairview men, both teachers and parents. Proceeds for this play will be used to improve the school cafeteria.

The cast includes bride, Van Moore; groom Joe Shults; Uriekah Scratchfeed (the jilted one), Felston Mullins; Needza Mann, Milford Black; Mr. Oats (father of bride), Bryce Tidmore; Mrs. Oats, Wallace Yarbrough; Uncle, Carter Pierson; Aunt, Pete Bailey; Grandpa, Hershal Butler; Grandma, Hubert Phillips; Preacher, Den White; Mrs. Nosey, Herbert Handley; Ushers, Luke Worthy, Luther Tucker; Mr. Turnip Green, Roy Ambrester; Aunt Hominy Grits, Wendell Abbott and Sis Estes Oats, Ray Brown.

Pentecost News
An Easter weekend revival will be held at the Pentecost Church with Rev. Henry Deyr of Bloomington, Ind. as the evangelist.

Home from the hospital and recuperating nicely is Mrs. Juanita Moore.

Bill R. Weathers, who is stationed at Barksdale A.F.B., La., spent last week at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Cornett of Decatur have a new baby daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mullins were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Buckelew.

Mrs. Lois Watson of Nesmith attended church here Sunday.

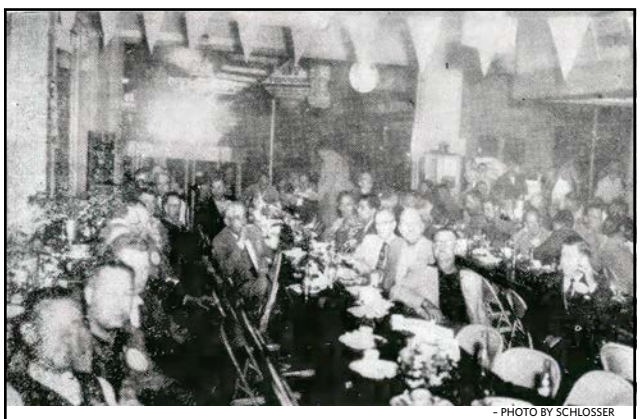
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allbritten, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Knop and Sandra were Sunday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bryant.

Hulaco Activities
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carter are entertaining with an Easter Supper at their home next Saturday night. Everyone in the Hulaco community is invited to come.

The Revival is in progress at Ryan Baptist Church each evening at 7:00 all week.

S. T. Pierce and T. P. Wright drove to Huntsville last Monday for medical treatment.

The Pat Wrights honored their newest daughter-in-law, Elaine, Mrs. Theo Wright of Birmingham, with a surprise birthday supper on Saturday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Grace, Don and Susan, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Danny and Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Wright, Sharon and Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, M. B. Albright, H. H. Wright and Theo Pat Wright.



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Drinkard Has Fish Supper – Drinkard Chevrolet Company served a fish supper on April 10 to celebrate the showing of the new Chevrolet trucks. A film was shown and trucks and cars were on display.

POET'S CORNER

A Prayer in Spring
By: Robert Frost

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

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;

And give us not to think so far away

As the uncertain harvest; keep us here

All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,

Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;

And make us happy in the happy bees,

The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird

That suddenly above the bees is heard,

The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,

And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,

To which it is reserved for God above

To sanctify to what far ends he will,

But which it only needs that we fulfill.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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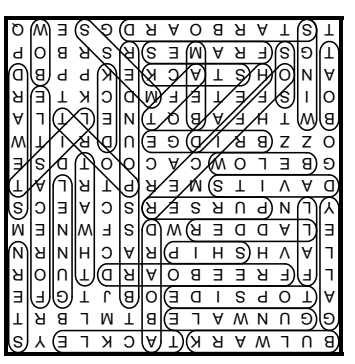
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WSCC's Drummond, McLeroy named to All-Alabama Academic Team

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Two Wallace State Community College students were recognized by the Alabama Community College System at its 31st annual All-Alabama Academic Team Recognition Program on Friday, April 10, at the Embassy Suites in Birmingham-Hoover.

Brooke Drummond of Eva and Matthew McLeroy of Double Springs each earned $1,000 scholarships from the Paths for Success Foundation that can be used at any public or private college of their choice.

"The students recognized today are the cream of the crop, epitomizing excellence and strong leadership," said ACCS Chancellor Jimmy Baker.

"These students expect and deliver the high standards the ACCS is known for."

"Brooke and Matthew represent the very best of Wallace State — students who combine academic excellence with leadership, service and a genuine commitment to making a difference," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"We are incredibly proud of their achievements and excited to see them continue their educational journeys and positively impact their communities."

Sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges, the All-Alabama Academic Team recognizes students selected for their academic excellence and intellectual rigor, leadership and service, and a commitment to extending their education beyond the classroom to benefit society.

Both Drummond and McLeroy plan to continue their education at four-year universities. Drummond plans to transfer to Athens State, while McLeroy will transfer to the University of Alabama in Huntsville.





Cullman County PALS calls for volunteers, urges residents to stop littering

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County People Against a Littered State (PALS) is in need of volunteers to assist in cleaning local roadways. The organization's president, Cherrie Haney, said cleanup can take anywhere from 1-4 hours depending on the condition.

You can volunteer by contacting Haney at 256- 531-4222. She helps volunteers sign up and assigns roadways for cleanup.

In March 2025 the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) reported, "In 2024, ALDOT spent more than $9.4 million statewide on litter removal.

"That is a $500,000 increase from 2023, where ALDOT spent nearly $9 million. In 2022, ALDOT spent $7 million."

"The less money we spend on litter cleanup, the more we can invest in making roads safer for everyone," ALDOT spokesperson James Gordon said at the time.

Connect with Cullman County PALS on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyPALS.

Obituary Announcements: April 16-17

Douglas Maze Ponder, 97
On April 15, 2026, the patriarch of our family, Douglas M. Ponder, died at his home in Cullman, Alabama. He was born in the Crane Hill community to Howard and Leona Ponder, Nov. 16, 1928. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Norma Strimmel and brother, Harless Ponder. Doug was the epitome of a family man. He took great pleasure in camping under the stars and spending time on the lake with his boys. His memories of family trips were happily shared whenever anyone would listen. As a preteen, Doug was helping his father at their family-owned cotton gin and later worked with him in the lumber industry. During World War II he worked in a shell factory where artillery casings were produced. He was known as a man of integrity and outstanding work ethic. The majority of his work career was forty years with the National Linen Service out of Birmingham, Alabama. His delivery route covered a multiple of Alabama counties, servicing the majority of Cullman restaurants, beauty salons, barber shops, and motels. Over the years he received a multitude of awards and citations as a top salesman. While employed by National Linen Service, he bought a run-down cafe and turned it into the popular Old Hickory Barbecue. Initially known as a "rough crowd area", he soon cleared out the riff-raff earning the nickname "Mr. Bad." That moniker certainly did not reveal his true character. Though he had little formal education, he became a jack-of-all-trades possessing a multitude of skills. Once he "retired" from the linen service, he became a master plumber. One room at a time, he built the house on Smith Lake in which he and Eunice lived for the past 50+ years. But his crowning self-achievement was building and opening the A-1 Muffler Shop in Cullman in 1995 which is still family-owned and operated. He is survived by his loving wife of 79 years, Eunice Waters Ponder; three sons, Michael (Cathy) Ponder, Tommy (Tara) Ponder, and Bruce (Alicia) Ponder, all residents of Cullman. He was Papa to 7 grandchildren, Angel (Trent) Tomlinson, Tonya (John) Schwaiger, Tenina Ponder, Amy O. Watson, Tomi (Matthew) Scott, Erin Heaton, Eric Ponder; 21 great grandchildren, Dustin (Whitney) Schwaiger, Jordan (Jacob) Daniel, Caitlynn (Chandler) Higdon, Dustin (Sarah) Ouellette, Ashlynn Tomlinson, Tiffani Schwaiger, Taiya (Russell) Kolmin, Kier Ouellette, Matthew (Savannah) Ponder, Aaron Tomlinson, Nathan Tomlinson, Stephen Watson, Ariel Ponder, Madden Scott, Addison Heaton, Paityn Scott, Tatum Scott, Addison Ponder, Bradyon Ponder, Liam Ponder, Eli Ponder, Jacob Ponder, and 7 great-great grandchildren, Stella Kolmin, Lenny Kolmin, Ava Kate Schwaiger, Joshua Ouellette, Sage Daniel, Tate Kolmin, Cash Schwaiger; and loved by his youngest brother, John Wayne Ponder, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. Graveside Service for Douglas Maze Ponder, age 97 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Johnson Grove Cemetery Bremen (Brushy Pond), Alabama, with David Richards officiating. Visitation was from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Kimberly Lancaster Thomas, 61
With heavy hearts, but the assurance of eternal life in Heaven, we share the passing of our beloved Mother, Granna, Aunt, Sister, Daughter, and Friend, Kimberly Lancaster Thomas. She departed this life on April 15, 2026, surrounded by her family, and entered the gates of Heaven. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The family accepted friends and family on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Kim dedicated her life to loving and serving others. She loved unconditionally, lived selflessly, and gave freely, making everyone she met feel like family. She was Momma to many, Aunt Kimmy to some, but her most cherished title was Granna. Her Grandchildren were her life and she never missed the opportunity to love on them, spoil them, or share how proud she was of them. Preceding her in death were her parents James Hester Lancaster, Elaine & James "Jack" Persall, & brother, Marston Lancaster. Kimberly is survived by: her loving children, Zach (Angela) Thomas & Emilee (Rory) Goodwin; her sister Kelly (Jeff) Cornett; grandchildren Seth Basinger, Paytin Thomas, Rylee Goodwin and Brooklyn Thomas; stepmother Jewell Lancaster; three nephews; two great nieces; and two great nephews. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to Cullman Regional Hospice for their care and compassion during this time.

Roger Whitehead, 77
Roger Whitehead, 77, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday evening, April 14, 2026. Mr. Whitehead was born on June 19, 1948, to the late Fate Arthur and Mary Lou Hill Whitehead in Marshall County, Alabama. Roger is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Milton Whitehead, and Billy Whitehead; as well as his sister, Doris Dean McMurry. Those left to cherish the many memories of Roger include his son, John Roger Whitehead; brother, Lowell Whitehead, and numerous nieces and nephews. Roger was a skilled concrete worker, and he was also a farmer. Mr. Whitehead enjoyed working the earth, and from his vegetable garden a bounty of produce was grown that he and his family enjoyed. In his free time, Roger liked to fish in the pond on his property, and he enjoyed watching the races at the Baileyton Drag Strip. Roger also enjoyed NASCAR races. Roger was a good father who raised his son, John, to the best of his ability. Like all fathers and sons, there were disagreements and hard days, but John knew his dad loved him. Roger enjoyed taking John to flea markets and yard sales where they searched for treasures. Roger also made an effort to listen to John's music with him and would try to learn how to play video games, just so he could spend time with his son. Roger's memory will be treasured by John and the Whitehead family for many years to come, and he will be missed by many in the coming days. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to help with Mr. Whitehead's final expenses. A link has been provided below. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Whitehead family.

Evelyn Aline Dover Stinson, 86
Funeral services for Evelyn Aline Dover Stinson will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Livingston Tabernacle Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Stinson was born Jan. 29, 1940, in Hartselle, Alabama to the late Jose and Lorine Lewis. She passed away April 15, 2026, in Hanceville, Alabama. Evelyn Stinson, a devoted woman of faith and servant to her community, passed away leaving behind a legacy of love, compassion, and unwavering devotion to God. Evelyn's life was a testament to her deep and abiding faith. Through every season—both joyful and challenging—she remained steadfast, trusting in God and holding firmly to her beliefs. Even in times of adversity, she never wavered, serving as an inspiration to all who knew her. She had a servant's heart, especially when it came to her church. Evelyn was known for her willingness to give of herself in any way she could. She often raised money for the church by preparing and cooking meals, sharing both her talents and her love with others. She also made it a priority to care for those around her, frequently picking up elderly members of the community to ensure they could attend church services, reflecting her deep compassion and kindness. Evelyn will be remembered for her selflessness, her strong faith, and her dedication to serving others. Her life touched many, and her example will continue to live on in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her. She leaves behind a host of loving family members and friends who will cherish her memory and carry forward her legacy of faith and service. Ms. Stinson is survived by her children, Deborah Drinkard (Jimmy), David Dover (Martha), Gregory Dover; grandchildren, Amber Jones (Chris), Rusty Drinkard (Tonya), Crystal Morris (Chris), Christina Jones (Matt), Kimberly Reburn (Justin), Chris Dover (Ashley), Tabitha Veil (Justin), Jake Dover, Justin Dover, Brandon Dover; and 19 great grandchildren. Ms. Stinson was preceded in death by her parents, Jose & Lorine Lewis; sons, Larry Dover, Keith Dover, Vernal Stinson, and Jerry Dover; and seven siblings. Serving as pallbearers will be Noah Jones, Lincoln Jones, Jett Jones, Jake Dover, Chris Morris, Matt Jones, and Chris Jones. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stinson family.

Micheal Edward Lindsey, 57
A graveside service is incomplete at this time for Micheal Edward Lindsey, 57, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Lindsey passed away Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Grandview Medical Center. He was born Aug. 2, 1968, to Edward James and Betty Jean Smith Lindsey. Micheal enjoyed playing golf, reading, and watching movies. He was an Alabama football fan. He worked at several restaurants over the years, and he loved to cook. Micheal was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Lindsey. Survivors include his two sons, Zeb Lindsey, Kurt Lindsey (Mikayla); daughter, Alex Anderson (Chase); brothers, Richard Lindsey (Jasmine), Phillip Lindsey (Pam); sister, Deborah McMillan (James); grandchildren, Evie Anderson, Inara Lindsey, Opal Lindsey; mother of his children, LaLisha Lindsey; a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Schlenia Ann Curvin, 61
Funeral service for Schlenia Ann Curvin, 61, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery, Minister Steve Cummings officiating. Visitation will be Sunday evening at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Schlenia passed away unexpectedly April 16, 2026. She was born Jan. 27, 1965, to Billy Wayne and Hilda Elaine Scott Curvin. She was such a loving person and loved her family and especially her grandbabies. She loved the people she worked with, loved her pets, her dogs Oakley and Poppy and her birds. She enjoyed Auburn football, enjoyed baking, was very creative with her crafts and crocheting. She will be missed so much. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Leon and Edith Scott, William and Gertrude Curvin; her father, Billy Wayne Curvin, and her brother, Darrion Wayne Curvin. Those left to cherish her memory are her mother, Hilda Curvin; daughter, Hollie Griffin (Hunter); brothers, Dusten Curvin (Tiffany), Dylan Curvin; grandchildren, Hezra and Hylan Griffin; nieces and nephews, Bryant Curvin, Brodie Curvin (Lexie), Lakelyn, Landon and River Curvin, Brittini Hester (Waya); great niece, Kenley Curvin; great nephews, Isaiah and Micah Hester; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Brodie Curvin, Bryant Curvin, Hunter Griffin, Dylan Curvin, Dusten Curvin, Waya Hester. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

George 'Douglas' Rigsby, 86
George "Douglas" Rigsby Born Aug. 8, 1939, in Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2026, surrounded by family at his home in Woodbridge Virginia. He is survived by Mary Frances "Franny" Rigsby, his wife of 53 years, his daughter Kellie Elizabeth Begeman (Damon), grandchilden Devon Jarrett Begeman and Avalon Rei Begeman, brother Olon Russell Rigsby (Cindy) and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin Olon and Ethel Susan (Bessie), his son Charles Douglas Rigsby, and his brothers and sisters and their spouses: Alice York (Otto), Dorothy Brooks (Ed), Evelyn Kraft (Robert), Kelly (Evelyn), Ouida Hinkle (Avery), Linda Sue Rigsby and J.W. Rigsby. He had a mischievous spirit complete with a twinkle in his eye, and he understood the art of inspiring a raurous laugh. He never met a stranger and always rooted for the underdog. His time spent with friends and family was quality over quantity, and he was well known to prefer "just driving there". He enjoyed reading recipes (Out Loud), eating cornbread with buttermilk out of a mason jar with a spoon and calling it supper. He baked that 5hr famous Cajun Meatloaf like a meditation on love itself. And he definitely wanted a bite off of your plate, because it looked better. Life in general was best when shared. He made every room warmer with his presence.

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