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Adams arrested, charged with sexual crimes with student

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Former Cold Springs High School Head Girls' Basketball Coach Paige Parker Adams, 35, was arrested Tuesday, April 21, charged with:

- Sex Offense / School employee engaging in sex act or deviant sexual intercourse with a student
- School employee having sexual contact with a student under the age of 19
- School Employee distributing obscene material to a student (30 counts)

Adams' arrest comes nearly a month after she abruptly resigned at a special-called meeting of the Cullman County School Board on March 25, 2026.

"The Cullman County Board of Education, at a special-called meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, accepted and approved the resignation of Paige Adams, who was employed at Cold Springs High School," Cullman County Schools said in a statement after the meeting.

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Paige Parker Adams

Alabama Strawberry Festival returns April 24-25



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
A young attendee eyes a juicy strawberry at the 2025 Alabama Strawberry Festival.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Each spring, as the season begins to turn and warmer days settle across Cullman, a familiar sense of anticipation returns with it.

The Alabama Strawberry Festival returns to Depot Park on Friday, April 24, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., bringing with it a weekend filled with tradition, community and celebration.

The festival has become more than a date on the calendar.

It is a gathering place, a tradition rooted in community and a celebration that continues to grow with each passing year.

From longtime residents to first-time visitors, the festival offers something simple yet meaningful, a chance to slow down, connect and experience Cullman at its very best.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson said the festival's growth reflects both its deep roots and its evolving future.

"The Alabama Strawberry Festival continues to represent what's possible when a community rallies around tradition and reimagines it for the future," he said. "What started as a beloved local event has grown into a regional destination that celebrates our heritage, supports our local economy and creates meaningful experiences for families year after year."

Held at Depot Park, the festival brings together the flavors, sounds and spirit of the season.

Rows of vendors, live entertainment and family-friendly activities fill the space with energy, while the unmistakable presence of fresh strawberries ties it all together in a way that feels both nostalgic and new.

It is an experience designed for everyone, whether you are visiting for the first time or returning as part of a tradition your family has built over the years.

Festival Director Daniel Wyatt said this year's event builds on that foundation while focusing on the guest experience.

"It's an honor to step into this role and build on the strong foundation that's already been established," he said. "This year's festival is all about enhancing the experience, bringing in great entertainment, supporting our vendors and making sure every guest leaves with a memory that keeps them coming back year after year."

Beyond the food and entertainment, the Alabama Strawberry Festival reflects something deeper about Cullman itself.

It is a community that values its roots while continuing to grow, a place where events like this » PAGE 5

A century of celebration

History of Cullman's Strawberry Festival



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Shannon named principal of West Elementary School; Gragg named assistant principal of Cullman Middle School



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Left to right are Dr. Chad Shannon and Nic Gragg.
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PET OF THE WEEK

Everybody needs an Uncle Phil



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
Uncle Phil
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported April 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 22, 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 20

• criminal mischief-2nd degree; Davidson Homes; damaged property; Raspberry Lane NW
• retail theft of property-3rd degree (2 counts); Wal-Mart; batteries; $267; Hwy. 157
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $188; Olive St. SW

April 21

• theft of property-1st degree; person; trailer; $2,500; 3rd Ave. SE

ARRESTS

April 20-21

Odeneal, Barbara C.; 58
• DUI

Price, Kevonta D.; 31
• GJ – identity theft (6 counts)
• GJ – theft of property-3rd degree (7 counts)
• GJ – attempt to commit a crime
• GJ – financial exploitation of elderly (2 counts)

Lay, Zachary J.; 38
• FTA – animals running at large
• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
• FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA – disorderly conduct
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – insurance violation

Uselton, Adam L.; 36
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – driving while suspended

Hall, David R.; 70
• FTA – public intoxication

Motherway, Michael A.; 37
• DUI
• possession of controlled substance
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• certain person forbidden to possess firearm

Smith, John D.; 48
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• certain person forbidden to possess firearm

Davis, Jason W.; 32
• FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Holt, Kaylyn S.; 23
• possession of controlled substance
• retail theft of property-3rd degree

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 45
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree
• FTA – reckless endangerment
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA – assault with bodily fluids
• FTA – attempt to elude
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (4 counts)
• FTA – public intoxication

Harris, Tiffany L.; 32
• theft of property-4th degree
• theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

State of Education breakfast April 24 at Wallace State

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will host the State of Education community breakfast Friday, April 24, from 9-11 a.m. at the Bailey Center on the campus of Wallace State Community College. Panelists will be WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, and student and teacher award winners will be recognized.

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Programs & Governmental Affairs Ryleigh Solomon said events like this remind her that the future of our community is bright.

"When we take the time to recognize these students, we are celebrating their achievements and reminding them that our community believes in them," Soloman said. "My favorite part of this event is seeing the smiling faces of each student as they walk across the stage and receive their award and medal. I especially love seeing the overall winner receive their scholarship and stand with the big check. Seeing their excitement makes all the hard work worth it."

Solomon said a lot of collaboration goes into creating and having a successful event like the State of Education community breakfast.

"We work with sponsors and the different school systems to make sure these students are properly celebrated," Solomon said.

"This event is all about creating an environment that reflects the importance of this recognition. We'll proudly recognize outstanding achievements in education, including honoring our Teacher of the Year and awarding scholarships to deserving local students."

Register for the State of Education community breakfast at www.cullmanchamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/23925.

City school board spotlights students

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education at its April 21 meeting recognized student award winners.

Cullman High School Junior Grayson Gay was recognized for recently being named a 2026 Alabama Public Television Young Hero. Gay is one of only three students to be named an APT Young Hero this year. See a separate feature on Gay at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/03/12/cullman-highs-grayson-gay-named-apt-2026-young-hero.

West Elementary sixth-grader Ava Hudson was named an Outstanding Student for her hard work, kindness and willingness to help others.

The board also thanked West Elementary Principal Dr. Page, who is retiring June 30, after 13 years at the school and 35 years in education. See a separate feature about Page at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/03/24/west-elementary-principal-dr-jay-page-set-to-retire-in-june.

Dr. Chad Shannon has been named principal of West Elementary School for the 2026–2027 school year. Nic Gragg, current assistant principal at East Elementary School, will transfer to Cullman Middle School in the same role, effective July 1, 2026.

This upcoming year will mark the final year of operation for West Elementary, as West and East Elementary Schools prepare to combine for the 2027–2028 school year to form Cullman Intermediate School.

In the financial report, officials said the district is in a stable position five months into the fiscal year. Revenues are at 82.7%, which is higher than expected, and expenses are under budget at 40.87%. The district has total assets of $16.2 million and a fund balance of $6.2 million.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff shared updates on construction projects and recent events like the district's Special Olympics.

Officials also celebrated additional student and teacher achievements, including East Elementary Fifth-Grade Teacher Lacy Cameron being named one of 16 finalists (commonly known as the "Sweet 16") for the prestigious 2026–2027 Alabama Teacher of the Year. See separate feature about Cameron at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/04/07/east-elementarys-lacy-cameron-named-alabama-teacher-of-the-year-sweet-16-finalist.

The next Cullman City Board of Education meeting will be held on May 19, at 5 p.m. at the central office.

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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
• Friday, April 24 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided. Special guest speaker – Larry C. Hill Sr.
• Saturday, April 25 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Women's Ministry yard sale. 9 a.m.-noon Men's Conference with Larry C. Hill Sr.
• Sunday, April 26 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• In April we continue the Poetry Contest! Please look at Facebook for contest details. We thank the Hanceville community for their book donations in helping us raise money for the children's programs. We also thank Jennifer and Tonya, owners of Southern Party Specialists LLC, for the $300 donation for a June presenter! We thank HanceVegas Coffee for sponsoring the Adult Book Club. We also thank the many library volunteers who help service the community.
• April 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!

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

Dorsey Creek Community Mission Church Singing
Sunday, April 26, at 11 a.m. 9174 Alabama Highway 69 South in Bremen. We will be hosting Soul Purpose, a group of singers from the Athens area.

Large Community Yard Sale
Friday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m.-noon, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St. in Hanceville. Proceeds go to the (CCC) Committee on Church Cooperation and First Source for Women.

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.

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Berlin Council (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Town Council at its meeting Monday, April 20, announced a ribbon cutting for the Berlin Farmers Market will take place Friday, May 8, at 4 p.m. Lemonade and cookies will be provided by the council. The market is located at 50 Mt. Carmel Dr.

Mayor Patrick Bates introduced Ordinance No. 2026-001, which establishes rules and regulations for the Berlin Community Park and Farmers Market site.

Rules and regulations address littering, pets/animals, alcohol and drugs, smoking and vaping, motorized vehicles and bicycles, wildlife and vegetation and noise restrictions.

Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery advised there needs to be an update to enforce tobacco regulations.

Councilman Keith Hardman motioned to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Councilman Donald Gunter.

Hardman motioned to adopt the ordinance, which Gunter also seconded.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2026-003 was adopted, with the council beginning the process of selecting a new town attorney.

Previous Town Attorney Heath Meherg was appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey back in March to serve as a Cullman County district judge.

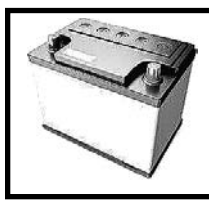
Discussing County Roads 1612, 1614 and 1616, Bates told the council that Rogers Group had decided on a quote of $59,020.

As this was discussed, members asked if an additional lane could be considered into the price.

"Can we agree to pass it as long as we don't exceed $65,000?" Bates asked of the council. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Berlin Town Council will meet next on Monday, May 18, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.

For more information, contact the Berlin Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery at clerk@berlinal.gov or 256-736-3138.


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Zoning board approves Auto Zone expansion

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments & Appeals at its April 21 meeting approved an expansion for Auto Zone.

Auto Zone, located at 210 Second Ave. NW, will expand from 9,000 square feet to 16,000 square feet.

The board said the expansion will improve the location for customers as well as neighboring businesses. It will allow better traffic flow for part shipments by giving delivery trucks more room so as to not disrupt surrounding roadways.

A request by St. John & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Davidson Homes, LLC was made for a lot width variance at Loring Street Northwest and Cleveland Avenue Northwest, reducing the width of 5A from 100 feet to 90 feet. The request was approved.

The next Zoning Board meeting will take place at the city hall auditorium on Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Principals (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Board of Education at its April meeting approved two administrative moves. Dr. Chad Shannon has been named principal of West Elementary School for the 2026–2027 school year. Nic Gragg, current assistant principal at East Elementary School, will transfer to Cullman Middle School in the same role, effective July 1, 2026.

This upcoming year will mark the final year of operation for West Elementary, as West and East Elementary Schools prepare to combine for the 2027–2028 school year to form Cullman Intermediate School. Current West Elementary School Principal Dr. Jay Page will retire on June 30.

A proud product of the Cullman City School System, Shannon currently serves as assistant principal at Cullman Middle School, where he has built a strong reputation for leadership, organization and a commitment to student success.

"I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to lead West Elementary School," said Shannon. "It has been a blessing over the past seven years to return home and raise my family in the same school system that I attended. I want to thank Mr. (Kyle) Kallhoff and the Board for their support and for this opportunity. Cullman truly is a special system because of its teachers, students and community support. I look forward to returning to a school where my educational journey began and working with our teachers in continuing a long tradition as one of the top districts in our state."

Gragg's experience at the elementary level will bring valuable perspective and continuity to the middle school administrative team.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff expressed confidence in the leadership transition.

"Dr. Shannon will do an excellent job at West," said Kallhoff. "He is a thorough and organized administrator who will help us get our construction to the finish line on that campus while maintaining rigor and a positive school culture at the same time."

"These strategic leadership decisions reflect Cullman City Schools' ongoing commitment to strong leadership, thoughtful planning, and continued excellence as the district prepares for the opening of Cullman Intermediate School," said a media release from the district.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Bates' dominant two-way game gives Cullman a 10-0 run rule win over Jasper

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JASPER, Ala. — With the end of the regular season rapidly approaching, Cullman looked to continue an incredible season (34-7-1) on the road against area rival Jasper on Tuesday night. After scoring two across the first three innings, the Bearcats blew the game open in the fifth and went on to win 10-0 in a six-inning game.

Taking the mound for the Bearcats was Dracen Bates, usually known for her bat and fielding skills, but also an excellent pitcher. For the Vikings, pitcher Lilly Banks started.

Cullman struck early, as Hattie Graham sent a ball into center field to get on base as the second bat in the Bearcats' order.

Just one batter later, Sam Johnson sent her home with another ball to center field that was dropped, giving the Bearcats a 1-0 lead.

In the top of the third, Abby Maples led off with a liner to center, then Johnson made it to second on a double to left field. Soon after, a Bates sac-fly sent Maples across home plate to give Cullman a 2-0 lead.

After blanking the Vikings yet again, Bates continued to help put runs on the board for Cullman. Leading off again, Maples singled, then Johnson hit one into right field to put runners on the corners for the Bearcats. Bates stepped up to the plate and sent a laser into center field that cleared the bases to put Cullman up 4-0, then touched home plate herself after a Kynlei Storey single to make it 5-0.

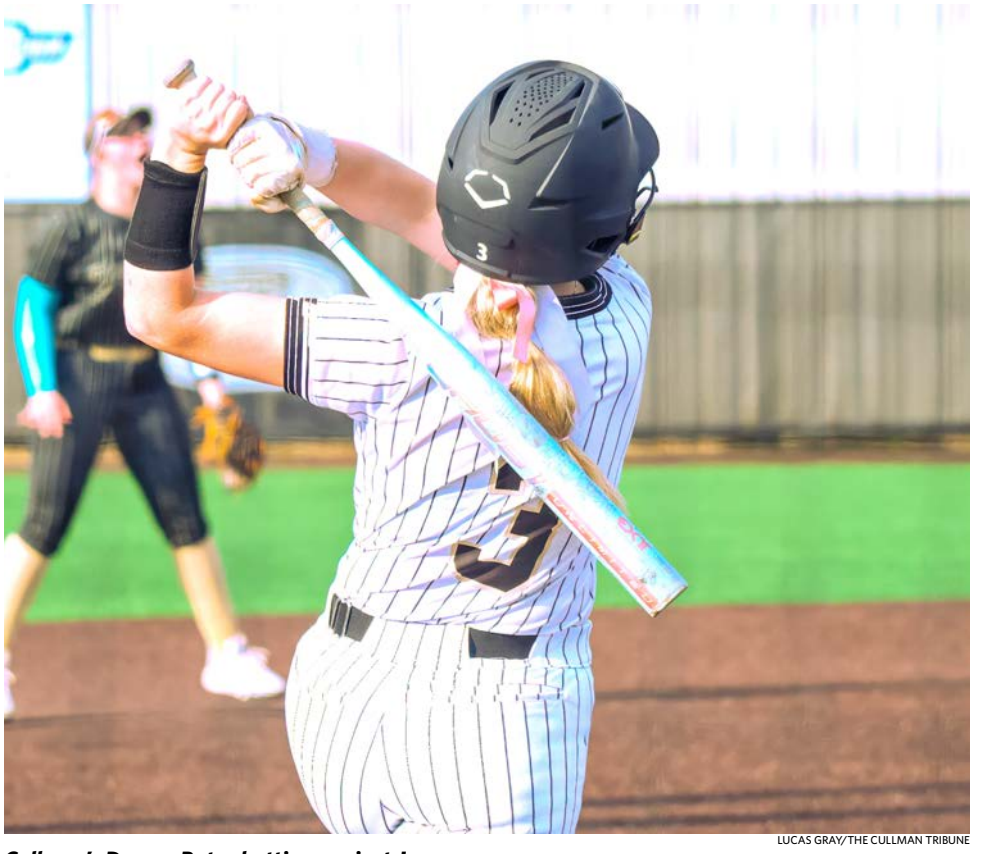
The top of the sixth eventually sealed the area rivalry win for the 'Cats. After Maples walked and Graham singled to open the inning, Bates drove in yet another run with a double that scored Maples.

Reese Hopper stepped to the plate next and smacked a fly ball to center that was dropped allowing Bates to make it home. Then, the final scoring play of the game came on a hard grounder from Leighton McGriff that scored Hopper to make it 10-0 Bearcats.

Leading Cullman in scoring was Bates, who went 2-4 with two doubles that drove in a total of four runs in addition to crossing the plate twice herself. Leading the game in hits was Johnson with three including one double.

On the mound, Bates finished with just three hits, zero earned runs and four strikeouts in six innings.

The Bearcats' record improved to 35-7-1 with the win, and they'll return to action today against Brewer.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Dracen Bates batting against Jasper

Uncle Phil (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week is Uncle Phil, a Great Pyrenees with badger markings and the kind of calm, steady presence that makes an impression almost immediately.

Approximately 4 years old, Uncle Phil is a low-energy dog with a quiet demeanor and a grand stature.

He may not demand attention, but he knows exactly how to win it. In the yard, he enjoys galloping to the far corner, then turning right around and galloping back to your side, over and over again.

Uncle Phil is also a total gentleman on the leash and very much enjoys being brushed. More than anything, his favorite place seems to be right by your side.

With his respectful nature and easygoing temperament, Uncle Phil would make an ideal companion or therapy dog for someone looking for a loyal friend with a gentle spirit.

His adoption fee is $130 and covers vaccinations, neutering, 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.

If Uncle Phil has already found his forever home by the time you read this, there are plenty of other pets still waiting for you to take them home.

Adams (from Front)

lation, CCBOE Superintendent, Dr. Shane Barnette released the following statement Thursday afternoon, March 26:

"This is the first formal complaint I have received regarding this employee. As soon as the concern was brought forward, an investigation was immediately initiated. The employee chose to resign at that time.

"In accordance with standard procedure, all CCBOE materials were returned, and she was escorted from school property. The matter has been referred to the appropriate authorities, and I promptly called a board meeting to approve her resignation.

"Our sole focus is protecting the students of Cullman County Schools. We are going to do what is right, as we always have."

Barnette told The Tribune the situation developed after concerns were brought forward, prompting an immediate response from the school system.

"When suspicions arose, we began an internal investigation, and the teacher resigned," Barnette said. "At that point, the matter was turned over to authorities."

Barnette said the resignation occurred while the school system was still in the process of reviewing the situation internally.

"We were in the process of investigating when she chose to resign," Barnette said.

He said there was no confrontation when Adams left the school.

"There was no argument or altercation," Barnette said. "She was aware that the investigation was continuing."

Following the resignation, Barnette said, standard procedures were followed to ensure Adams no longer has access to school property.

"When any employee resigns, they are required to turn in all school property, including badges, keys and access materials," Barnette said. "She no longer has access to any school facilities."

Barnette said the school system's priority remains student safety.

"Our sole focus is protecting the students of Cullman County Schools, and then our employees," he said.

PREP BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Scores and stats for April 21

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BASEBALL

- Winston Co. 15, Meek 5 – **Batting:** E. McCay 2-2 **Pitching:** E. McCay 3.0 IP, 2 H, 2 ER, 5 BB, 3 K

SOFTBALL

- Central 22, Addison 4 – **Batting:** Mac. Carter 3-3 (2B) **Pitching:** Mad. Carter 5.0 IP, 13 ER, 2 K
- Cold Springs 15, Dora 3 – **Batting:** A. Addison 2-5, 4 RBI **Pitching:** P. Kennedy 6.0 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, 2 K, W
- Cullman 10, Jasper 0 – **Batting:** D. Bates 2-4 (2B x2), 4 RBI **Pitching:** D. Bates 6.0 IP, 3 H, 0 ER, 4 K, W
- Fairview 7, Arab 6 – **Batting:** K. Guthery 1-3 (HR), 3 RBI **Pitching:** J. Barnett 5.0 IP, 5 ER, 3 K, W
- Good Hope 7, Danville 1 – **Batting:** L. Steed 2-4 (2B,3B), 2 RBI **Pitching:** M. Benefield 7.0 IP, 0 ER, 6 K, W
- Cordova 12, Meek 0 – **Batting:** (No hits) **Pitching:** S. Farley 4.0 IP, 12 R, 0 ER, 2 K
- Falkville 7, Vinemont 0 – **Batting:** A. Sandlin 1-3 **Pitching:** A. Thomason 3.0 IP, 6 H, 2 ER, 5 K









5 German-inspired strawberry recipes

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PORK SCHNITZEL WITH STRAWBERRY MUSTARD SAUCE
Yield: 2 servings

Ingredients
- 2 boneless pork cutlets, pounded thin
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- Salt and black pepper, to taste
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Sauce
- 1 cup strawberries, diced
- 1 tbsp. whole-grain mustard
- 1 tsp. honey
- 1 tbsp. water

Directions
1. Season pork with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour, dip in egg and coat with breadcrumbs.
2. Pour about 1/4 inch of oil into a skillet and heat it over medium. Fry the cutlets for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, until they are golden brown and cooked through. Place them on a plate lined with paper towels.
3. Combine the strawberries, mustard, honey and water in a small saucepan. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes, until the berries soften and the sauce thickens a bit. If you like, gently mash the mixture.
4. Serve the schnitzel warm and spoon the strawberry mustard sauce over the top.

BAVARIAN STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD WITH BACON DRESSING
Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients
- 4 cups fresh spinach
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced
- 4 slices bacon
- 2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. sugar
- Salt and black pepper, to taste

Directions
1. Cook bacon in a skillet over medium heat until crisp, about 6–8 minutes. Remove and crumble.
2. Lower the heat to low. Add the vinegar, mustard and sugar to the bacon drippings and whisk everything together. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Put the spinach and strawberries in a large bowl. Pour the warm dressing over them and toss gently until the spinach is just a little wilted.
4. Sprinkle the crumbled bacon on top and serve right away.

ERDBEERKUCHEN (GERMAN STRAWBERRY CAKE)
Yield: 8 servings

Ingredients
Cake base
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- Pinch of salt

Topping
- 2 cups fresh strawberries, halved
- 1 cup water
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-inch round cake pan.
2. Beat the eggs and sugar together for 3 to 5 minutes, until the mixture looks pale and fluffy. Stir in the vanilla.
3. In another bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Gently fold this into the egg mixture until everything is just combined.
4. Pour the batter into the pan and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Let the cake cool completely.
5. Arrange the strawberries on top of the cooled cake.
6. Combine the water, sugar, cornstarch and lemon juice in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring all the time, for about 3 to 5 minutes, until the mixture is thick and clear.
7. Pour the glaze over the strawberries and refrigerate the cake for at least 30 minutes before serving.

STRAWBERRY BIENENSTICH (BEE STING CAKE)
Yield: 8–10 servings

Ingredients
Dough
- 2 1/4 tsp. active dry yeast (1 packet)
- 3/4 cup warm milk (about 110°F)
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. unsalted butter, softened
- 1 egg

Topping
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Filling:
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 2 tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced

Directions
1. Dissolve the yeast and 1 tablespoon of sugar in the warm milk in a small bowl. Let it sit for 5 to 10 minutes, until it becomes foamy.
2. In a large bowl, mix the flour, the rest of the sugar and the salt. Add the yeast mixture, butter, and egg. Stir until a soft dough forms, then knead for 8 to 10 minutes, until the dough is smooth. Cover the bowl and let the dough rise in a warm place for about 1 hour, or until it has doubled in size.
3. Preheat your oven to 350°F. Press the dough into a greased 9-inch round pan.
4. Melt the butter and honey together in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the almonds and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until the mixture thickens a little. Spread this evenly over the dough.
5. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the cake is golden brown. Let it cool completely.
6. Whip the cream with the powdered sugar and vanilla until it forms soft peaks. Slice the cake in half horizontally. Spread the whipped cream and strawberries over the bottom half, then place the top half back on. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Strawberries mean summer recipes.

ERDBEERKNÖDEL (STRAWBERRY DUMPLINGS)
Yield: 8–10 dumplings

Ingredients
- 1 pound russet potatoes, peeled
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, plus more if needed
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 8–10 small whole strawberries
- 1/2 cup breadcrumbs
- 3 tbsp. unsalted butter
- Powdered sugar, for serving

Directions
1. Boil the potatoes in salted water for 15 to 20 minutes, until they are tender. Drain them and mash until smooth. Let them cool a bit.
2. Mix in the butter, egg, flour and salt to make a soft dough. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour, one tablespoon at a time.
3. Divide the dough and wrap a piece around each strawberry, making sure to seal it completely.
4. Bring a pot of salted water to a gentle simmer. Add the dumplings and cook for 5 to 7 minutes, until they float and are tender.
5. While the dumplings cook, melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the breadcrumbs and stir for 3 to 4 minutes, until they turn golden brown.
6. Use a slotted spoon to remove the dumplings from the water. Roll them in the toasted breadcrumbs and dust with powdered sugar before serving.

Festival (from Front)

serve as both a celebration and a connection point for those who call it home and those just discovering it.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said the festival has come to represent the community's identity and shared spirit.

"The Alabama Strawberry Festival has become a reflection of who we are as a community, welcoming, proud of our roots and committed to creating opportunities for people to come together," he said. "It's a celebration that brings families, neighbors and visitors into a shared experience that continues to grow stronger each year."

As this year's festival unfolds, one thing remains certain, the invitation is open, and there is a place here for everyone.

ALABAMA STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
What to know before you go

Dates and times
- Friday, April 25, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Location
- Depot Park, Cullman

Admission
- Free to attend

Festival highlights
Friday, April 25 | 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Kick off the weekend with opening festivities, food vendors and live entertainment throughout the evening.
- Senior Day: 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Free lunch for the first 500 people. There will be bingo and live entertainment by The Cadillacs.

Saturday, April 26 | 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- A full day of family activities, shopping, live music and festival favorites from morning through night.

Parking
Designated public parking areas will be available near the festival grounds. Guests are encouraged to arrive early and follow posted signage.

What to expect
- Fresh strawberries and strawberry-inspired treats
- Local and regional food vendors
- Arts and crafts booths featuring handmade goods
- Live music and entertainment throughout the festival
- Family-friendly activities and attractions

Entertainment
A full lineup of live performances is scheduled throughout both days, featuring a mix of local favorites and regional acts.

Vendors
The festival features a wide variety of vendors offering food, specialty items and locally made products, providing something for every visitor.

Family-friendly atmosphere
The Alabama Strawberry Festival is designed for all ages, with activities and entertainment that make it a destination for families, friends and visitors alike.

Tips for visitors
- Arrive early to avoid peak crowds
- Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes
- Stay hydrated throughout the day
- Bring cash for vendors, though many may accept cards

Get more details, including concerts and contests, at www.alabamastrawberryfest.com.

History (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Long before it became a spring weekend that fills Depot Park with music, vendors and strawberry shortcake, Cullman's strawberry celebration began as a community observance rooted in agriculture and seasonal pride.

The earliest roots of Cullman's strawberry celebration trace back to the Cullman Strawberry Jubilee, first held in May 1905.

At the time, strawberries were not just a seasonal crop but a defining agricultural product for the region, supported by Cullman County's soil, climate and expanding rail connections that allowed local farmers to ship berries to larger markets.

The Jubilee served as both a celebration and a showcase, bringing residents together to mark the harvest while highlighting the county's growing role in Alabama's agricultural economy.

More than three decades later, that early tradition evolved into what many residents recognize as the modern beginning of the festival, the inaugural Strawberry Festival held Saturday, May 13, 1939.

By then, Cullman had grown in both population and infrastructure, and the festival reflected that momentum.

The 1939 event was designed to be larger in scope, intended not only to celebrate strawberries but also to draw visitors from outside the county to establish Cullman as a regional destination during the spring season.

Contemporary accounts describe the 1939 festival as a full-scale community event extending well beyond the harvest itself.

A large parade moved through the city, accompanied by a floral show, strawberry exhibits and an auction highlighting agricultural products and civic pride.

Music and dancing were part of the celebration, and a pageant added a ceremonial element that reflected the traditions and presentation common to community festivals of the era.

Together, these elements helped establish a framework that would shape future celebrations.

Records from that period also indicate how quickly the festival gained attention.

According to Cullman Tribune archives, attendance increased rapidly in the early 1940s, with an estimated 50,000 visitors reported in 1941.

For Cullman at the time, the figure underscored the festival's growing regional appeal and its emergence as more than a local agricultural observance.

The festival's history also includes periods of interruption shaped by larger national events.

The Strawberry Festival was halted for several years during World War II as communities redirected resources and attention toward the war effort.

Large public gatherings were paused during that period, and the festival did not resume until after the war, when celebrations gradually returned as communities sought to reestablish familiar traditions.

Decades later, the festival faced another pause under very different circumstances.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, The Cullman Tribune reported there was no Strawberry Festival in 2020 due to public health restrictions and safety concerns.

The interruption marked one of the few times in modern history that the event did not take place. The festival returned in 2021, resuming its annual schedule following the pandemic-related disruption.

In the years since that return, the festival's footprint has continued to evolve.

Organizers have focused on expanding programming while maintaining the core purpose of celebrating strawberry season.

Updated entertainment offerings, increased vendor participation and an emphasis on family-friendly activities have shaped recent editions of the event.



THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE ARCHIVE PHOTO

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism has played a key role in shaping the festival's contemporary identity, particularly at Depot Park.

Live music, children's activities, food vendors and an arts and crafts component have become central features of the festival.

The park setting provides an open, walkable environment that supports both established traditions and newer additions to the event.

The most recent chapter in the festival's history arrived at the state level.

In 2023, the event was formally recognized as the Alabama Strawberry Festival, a designation tied to Gov. Kay Ivey's recognition of Cullman's longstanding celebration and its historical significance.

By 2024, the festival entered what organizers described as its inaugural year operating under the statewide name and identity.

The change reflected the festival's expanded recognition while maintaining its longstanding connection to Cullman.

Operating under the Alabama Strawberry Festival name, the event continues to be hosted in Cullman and built around the same seasonal celebration that has defined it for generations, while drawing broader attention from across the state.

That growth was reflected in 2025, when organizers reported record-setting attendance for the Alabama Strawberry Festival.

The event drew visitors from more than 20 states and featured more than 120 vendors, marking the largest footprint in the festival's modern history.

Expanded programming and additional accommodations were implemented to support the increased number of people.

This year, organizers are preparing for another year of growth, with plans that continue to build on the festival's established format at Depot Park.

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. ~~AD~~2026-162 PC

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF B.M.C., a minor child (DOB 12/23/2014)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

Notice to: JUSTIN LEE CLEGHORN, FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO KALIKA BETH OWENS KNOWN AS B.M.C. (DOB 12/23/2014)

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change of a Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Kalika Beth Owens, Petitioner. 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 herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 20th day of April, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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
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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 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:
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-164

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WINFORD RICKEY McGUKIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Glenda B. McGukin on the 20th 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.

Glenda B. McGukin
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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SECTION 001116
INVITATION TO BID

1.1 BID INFORMATION

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

1.2 ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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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

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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 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

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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

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 CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A. WHITE, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2026-151**

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to George T. White as Personal Representative of the Estate of Thomas A. White deceased, on the 20th 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 will be barred.

George T. White
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:
Billy W. Jackson
416 1st Ave SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone (256) 739-2546

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

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

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

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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 OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Good Hope Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 20, 2026 @ 6:00 pm the City Council of the City of Good Hope will hold a public hearing on May 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 015-2026.

Christie

TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO: 015-2026
RE-ZONE PARCEL FROM GB to R2
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided:

For the purpose of rezoning the below parcel of property from GB located in the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Cullman County, Alabama to R2

0.4 AC-Property Located at 191 Scott Drive Parcel No: 17-08-33-0-001-075.000 PPIN: 41715

Legal Description from Cullman County Property Tax Map/Description

0.4 AC(C)- COMM NW COR SEl/4 SEl/4 S 635.81, NE 102.98 TOE ROW SCOTT RD, SE 108.16 ALG ROW, S 103.23 ALG ROW, TH SW 105(S) ALG ROW TO POB. THE 155(S), S 105(S), W 154.71 TOE ROW SCOTT RD, TH N 105(S) TO POB. S33, Tl OS, R3W.

1. Subject to any rights-of-'ways and/or easements of record. Less and Except all that part of the above described property that lies within the right of way. Situated within the city limits of Good Hope, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, heretofore designated as GB District on the Zoning Map of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and is hereby changed from GB to R2. You may review map at Good Hope City Hall.
2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage as required by State of Alabama Law within the municipality, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and published in three places within the city limits of Good Hope and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being published on or about in the Cullman Tribune and by posting in three places.
3. That a final public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 11th- day of May, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for Cullman County, Alabama.
5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a_court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect ,any other part or portion of this ordinance.
7. This ordinance is contingent upon sale and shall take effect after the sale and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-78, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Christie Chamblee, City Clerk

Cullman Council (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday split 3-2 over a resolution offering $800,000 in financial incentives to Rural King to support a 90,000-square-foot retail store. The store is under construction on Cullman's south side at 309 Olive St. SW across the street from Rock N Roll Sushi, near similar established businesses like Tractor Supply and Lowe's. The amount will be shared by the city and county, with each paying $400,000. The measure also requires Cullman County Commission approval.

Mattoon, Illinois-based Rural King describes itself as "America's Farm and Home Store, and a General Merchandise and Department Store, providing essentials to the communities we serve. More specifically, we provide a broad range of necessities, essential goods, food, feed, seed and other farm and home products."

Before the vote, Councilmen Jason Willoughby and Chuck Shikle voiced opposition to the measure.

Willoughby said, "I do believe that this project will create an overall net gain in revenues for Cullman City, Cullman County and for the schools. Back in November 2025, basically the week that we took office, I was asked to attend a meeting with a few local business owners, Councilman (David) Moss and the mayor. During this meeting, we listened to the concerns that they had about this proposed project, and as a small business owner, immediately I understood their worries, but I did state that I am 100% for capitalism; in other words, I would be all in for Rural King locating here, but without an unfair tax advantage, and that I wouldn't be voting to incentivize their competition.

"This council and Economic Development, we spent countless hours meeting, debating with Economic Development, county officials and Rural King executives. I can promise you that all of us have wrestled with the pros and cons about this topic. It's been difficult for each of us, to say the least. But no matter how this vote goes tonight and, or what county commissioners decide, the initial request from Rural King to move to Cullman was for $5,413,858 in subsidies. This vote tonight is for a one-time incentive payment for $400,000 from the city, and the county equal $400,000 for an $800,000 incentive split equally. I truly believe, depending on the vote, that because of the council's hard work and division on this matter, we have potentially saved taxpayers $4,613,858."

Willoughby pointed out that Prattville gave Rural King $5,000,000, that Gadsden gave the company $7.75 million and that Jasper gave amounts not publicly disclosed that "resemble the same figures as the others."

"It seems like to me," concluded Willoughby, "that we are forcing one business to pay taxes that fund their competition. So just think about that. It doesn't matter if you're in the automotive business or – and I know that it's been said that all rising waters float all ships, or something to that nature, but when your competition across the street has an $800,000 head start, that's a big advantage."

Shikle added, "We went through many discussions over the incentives, the things that we were going to do to try to attract Rural King, and I'm really proud that we all worked together to kind of come up with some things. But I'm also with Council Member Willoughby. You know, I campaigned to all the small businesses that I could get to, especially on foot, some of them being Mary Carter, some of them being Chambers, and I made a pledge that I was going to support them, and I'm going to honor that pledge."

Council President Kim Hall, speaking in support of the incentive, said that the city's financial commitment "will be used for public infrastructure improvements to benefit not only that business but other businesses in the area, and future developments. We're excited about the work and the partnership with Cullman County to provide the infrastructure improvements and, rather than granting a sales tax abatement for this project, we chose to invest in infrastructure because we all believe it's a priority. The new retail sales from Rural King are predicted to generate new sales tax revenue that will support public safety, schools, city services and road projects."

Hall quoted projected figures about potential educational funding included in a press release included below, and added, "So, for me, being an educator, looking at the revenue that is going to go into our schools, Cullman City Schools and Cullman County Schools, that played a big factor in my decisions."

Following the vote, Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Jamie Troutman issued the following press release:

City of Cullman and Cullman County Announce $14 Million Rural King Investment

Bringing Jobs and Regional Retail Growth

Cullman, Ala. — The City of Cullman and Cullman County are proud to announce that Rural King will locate a new store on approximately 10 acres along Olive Street, representing a $14 million capital investment and the creation of approximately 45 full-time jobs.

The new Rural King store is projected to generate an estimated $22 million in annual sales during its first year of operation, further strengthening Cullman's position as a regional retail hub.

Often described as a "destination retailer," Rural King is known for drawing customers from a wide trade area-typically 30 miles or more. According to company estimates, approximately 40 percent of the store's sales are anticipated to come from outside Cullman and Cullman County, introducing new dollars into the local economy and supporting continued growth and diversification. This extended reach is expected to drive increased economic activity throughout the City of Cullman and Cullman County, benefiting nearby retail businesses, restaurants, and fuel stations.

Construction of the project is already moving forward with local and regional partners playing a key role.

The building has been ordered through Inland Buildings, and site preparation is currently underway by Manning Construction, further demonstrating the project's immediate impact on the local economy.

"This project represents more than just a new retail location-it's an investment in the quality of life for our residents," said Mayor Woody Jacobs. "Rural King will provide new shopping options, create jobs, and continue to make Cullman a place where people want to live, work, and spend their time."

"Rural King is a strong addition for Cullman County as a whole," said County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons. "With significant sales, this project brings new revenue into our county and strengthens our overall economic base."

"The addition of Rural King further positions our community as a regional retail destination. This type of investment builds momentum and enhances our ability to recruit additional retail, restaurant, and commercial development to Cullman and Cullman County," said Jason Grimmett, Cullman County Industrial Development Authority Chairman.

In its first year of operation, Rural King is projected to generate approximately $467,000 in additional funding for local education—$287,000 for Cullman County Schools and $180,000 for Cullman City Schools. Over the next 20 years, this investment is expected to contribute nearly $12 million to support and strengthen our school systems. The total revenue received over 20 years is estimated at over $31 million.

Cullman County, the City of Cullman, and their economic development partners look forward to supporting the successful development of the project and welcoming Rural King to the community.

The Cullman City Council meets next at 7 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the city hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

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, 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.

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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ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 38
TO ADOPT THE CITY OF CULLMAN PERSONNEL HANDBOOK

WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council recognizes the need to adopt a new Personnel Handbook for the employees of the City of Cullman; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama:
SECTION I. The following section, *Section 181 Adoption of personnel policies* of *Chapter 2 Administration*, of the *Code of Ordinances City of Cullman, Alabama*, is hereby added as follows:

Sec. 2-181. Adoption of personnel policies.

The Cullman City Council adopts the official Personnel Handbook, dated April 20th, 2026, for the City of Cullman, Alabama, that provides rules, regulations, and policies including but not limited to:

1) Equal Employment Opportunities at the City of Cullman, Alabama; and
2) The organization and function of Personnel Administration; and
3) The methods of employee selection; and
4) The probationary period for employees; and
5) The process for changing of an employee's status; and
6) The employee incentives plan; and
7) The nepotism policy; and
8) The administration of an employee classification plan; and
9) The administration of the employee pay plan; and
10) The attendance and leave policies for employees; and
11) The employee conduct policies; and
12) The employee disciplinary procedures; and
13) The employee safety policies; and
14) The city owned vehicle and equipment policies; and
15) The travel policies for employees; and
16) The work policies for off-duty employees; and
17) The political activity regulations for employees; and
18) The ethics policies for employees; and
19) The employee dress code and hygiene policies; and
20) The uniform policies for employees; and
21) The information technology policy for employees; and
22) Such other personnel policies, regulations, provisions, or notices as were and may be necessary to provide for the adequate and systematic handling of personnel matters.

A copy of the Personnel Handbook, dated April 20th, 2026, for the City of Cullman, Alabama, is available for inspection in the office of the City Clerk.
SECTION II. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and that holding of any provision hereof to be void and invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provision which might have been held invalid. This Ordinance repeals any prior Ordinance in conflict therewith.
SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 20th day of April, 2026./s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 20th day of April, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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3Sixty Jeep Club hosting Autism Night Ride April 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 3Sixty Jeep Club will host Jeep Night at Rock N Roll Sushi on Saturday, April 25, at 5 p.m. At 8, according to the club, "...we light it up and roll out for our Autism Night Ride."

Dedicated Member Adam Walden said, "In our club, the board asks for suggestions from our members on which charity they would like us to donate to. The main reason for this is due to the growing need for help and or comfort. Most of the time the charity of choice is due to someone or several persons who have either been directly affected or know someone who has been affected by a particular situation. In this case this particular ride is to help spread awareness for Autism. For a few of our members, myself included... this one hits home for me."

3Sixty Jeep Club is a nonprofit organization and supports different causes. Walden said his grandson Zeke, 4, was diagnosed with Autism last year — so this ride really resonates.

"There are a few others that have loved ones who suffer from this same terrible disease that are all over the range in the spectrum," Walden said. "So to say 3Sixty has a special bond to the people of this community... this is how they accomplish this so very often."

He said the purpose of Autism Night Ride is twofold. One, to let members, families and friends know they are not alone in the fight. Two, to spread awareness. "More and more children are being diagnosed with every day."

Walden said the night ride is a fun, safe way to not only put Jeeps on the road, but also to have a good time.

"We get to fellowship with other Jeepers while telling them and anyone who asks about Autism awareness," he said. "We usually take our members and anyone else that would like to go ride in a Jeep through various backroads and national forestry roads with our colorful lights on to have a good time and most of all let the children enjoy the colors and the Jeeps.

"Currently right now Alabama has a 1% of the entire state in which children are affected. 3Sixty Jeep Club is simply about family, friends, community and servanthood to those in need by way of the Jeep. It is a great group of people that focus on helping anyone they can with the slogan of 'Offering a hand up not just a handout.'"

For more information about the 3Sixty Jeep Club or the event, visit Facebook/3Sixty Jeep Club. Rock N Roll Sushi is located at 1900 MarktPlatz Center SW, Cullman.



Obituary Announcements: April 21-22

Tova Beth Lindsey, 47
Celebration of Life Service for Tova Beth Lindsey, age 47 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Miss Lindsey passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at her residence. She was born Aug. 30, 1978, to Tobby Vance Blackwood and Debbie Blackwood. She was preceded in death by her father, Tobby Vance Blackwood; grandmother, Virginia Chaffin, and her grandfathers, Eual Blackwood and Harvey Haynes. Survivors include her son, Atticus (Raven) Lindsey; daughter, Athena Lindsey; granddaughter, Maelle Lindsey; sister, Tiffany (Christopher) Nash; niece, Jordan Nash; nephew, Colton Nash and a host of family and friends.

Tammy Gail Naler, 67
Celebration of Life Service for Tammy Gail Naler, age 67 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Seventh Street Baptist Church with John Crocker officiating. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Naler passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Nov. 21, 1958, to Cleveland Davis and Willa Mae Davis. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Michael Dennis Naler; and sister, Carol Sue Lemay. Survivors include her son, Michael Scott (Jessica) Naler; daughters, Christina (Kenny) Gilzine, Beth Taylor; grandchildren, Samuel Christian Green-Alleyne, Lilly Gunn, Bridgette Chandler, Mackenzie Naler, and K J Gilzine; sisters, Sheila (Donald) Crosslin, Wanda (Harold) Cross, brothers-in-law, Jeff (Penny) Naler, Craig (Cindy) Naler; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Margie Dell Cason, 94
Funeral services for Margie Dell Cason, 94, of Hanceville, Alabama, were 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Bro. Paul Rivers will be officiating services. The family welcomed friends for visitation on Tuesday, April 21, at Hanceville Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Mrs. Cason was born on Aug. 21, 1931, to the late Arthur and Doshie (Thomas) Briscoe in Vinemont, Alabama. She passed away on April 20, 2026, at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman, Alabama. Survivors include her children, Kathy (Tommy) Shipp, Donnie (Diane) Cason, Ronnie (Margarette) Cason, Dennis (Gina) Cason and Steve Cason; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Cason was preceded in death by her husband, James Cason; granddaughter, Christina Cason-Hopper; and several brothers and sisters. Serving as pallbearers will be Tom Shipp, Daniel Cason, Jeff Shipp, Corey Barbee, Cameron Barbee and Nicky Shipp. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cason Family.

Mary Graham Haas, 100
Mary Graham Haas passed away on April 16, 2026, at 100 years and 5 months of age. Born Nov. 15, 1925, to Walker A. Graham and Nancy Lula Graham in Mt. Olive, Alabama, she later became a longtime resident of Cantonment, Florida where she had a career in nursing. Mary was a faithful member of St. Jude's Catholic Church of Cantonment, as well as an active member of the Pensacola Quilter Guild. Among her enjoyments were sewing, crocheting, knitting, and the delight of sharing fresh blueberries with her families and friends. She is preceded in death by her loving husband, William Haas. Mary is survived by her nieces and nephews, Faye Abbs, Margie Wolfe, Jerry Graham, Linda Morris, Tommy (Liz) Graham, Cheryl Booker, Peggy (Chuck) Folmar, Wayne Baldwin, James (Brenda) Graham, Nancy Davis, and Alfred Graham; her granddaughter, Janet Cavallaro; her great-nieces; her great-nephews; and her friends and neighbors. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Faith Chapel Funeral Home North with Bishop Holley officiating. Burial will follow in Spruell Cemetery. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. prior to service.

Jimmie Lou Golden, 97
Funeral Service for Jimmie Lou Golden, age 97 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Donald Smith officiating; burial at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Golden passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Jan. 5, 1929, to James Martin Steele and Louella Goodwin Steele. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Woodrow Wilson Golden; daughter, Violet Lou Golden; grandchild, Emily Grace White; four sisters and three brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Rachel Yeager; sons, Dale (Theresa) Golden and Danny (Vickie) Golden; grandchildren, Angela (Jim) Schwaiger, Christen (Wes) Martin, Annabella (Michael) Villano, Anjelica (Nathan) Hyatt, Noah Golden, Mackenzie (Kevin) Fruth, Mallory Golden, Gabrielle (Conner) McClain, Jon Luke Golden, Eric Limbaugh; great grandchildren, Autumn (Scott) Barnett, Tyler Grace, Alicia Villano, Arlo Villano and August Villano; great great grandchildren, Nora Mae Barnett, Ruthie Katherine Barnett and Bonnie Jane Barnett; brother, Douglas (Juanita) Steele and a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Rebecca Laminack Peinhardt, 84
Funeral Service for Rebecca Laminack Peinhardt, age 84 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at St. John's Evangelical Church with Rev. John Richter officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at St. John's Evangelical Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Rebecca Laminack Peinhardt, 84, of Cullman, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on April 21, 2026. Born on Dec. 6, 1941, she was the daughter of Oscar and Atha (Pete) Laminack. She was a faithful wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was a hardworking woman who devoted herself to her family and was known for her strong work ethic and tireless commitment providing for those she loved. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Eddie Peinhardt; children Sabrina Hudson (Adam), Jennifer Tucker (Samuel); son-in-law John White; grandchildren Carlie Warnke (Austin), Jake White (Kendra), Katie White, Emily Rochelle (Connor), Etta Hudson, Luke Tucker, Zac Tucker and four great grandchildren Beck, Rudy, S.J., and Goldie. She is preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Tamara White. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Peinhardt Farms, P.O. Box 1938, Cullman, AL 35056.

Ava Grimmett, 103
Ava Grimmett, age 103, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee died Sunday, April 19, 2026, with her family at her side. She was a native of Eva, Alabama and was a daughter of the late Aquilla Zeb Williams and Annie Wallace Williams. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Russell Lowell Grimmett and daughter Tammy Reed. Survivors include sons, William Russell Grimmett and wife Cheril of Cullman, Alabama, John Grimmett and wife Glenda of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Byron Grimmett and wife Shirley of Waynesville, North Carolina, Mark Grimmett and wife Ruth of Birmingham, Alabama; grandchildren, Jason, Stephanie, Jennifer, Amanda, Russell, Ashley and Zachary; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of other loving family and friends. Mrs. Grimmett was a member of the Northfield Church of Christ and a graduate of Jefferson State Junior College. She worked as a real estate broker prior to her retirement. Visitation will be at Woodfin Memorial Chapel on Thursday, April 23, 2026, from 2 p.m. until the time of funeral services beginning at 4 p.m. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday at Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Gardendale, Alabama with family serving as pallbearers. An online guestbook is available for the Grimmett family at www.woodfinchapel.com.

Joanie Griggs, 76
Memorial Service for Joanie Griggs, age 76 of Huntsville, will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Kevin White officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Joanie passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at Folsom Center. She was born March 16, 1950, to J. B. Griggs and Jessie Griggs. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her son, Kevin (Shellane) White; grandchildren, Johnathan White, Matthew White, Holly White; sister, Regina (Ronald) Hammond and niece, Morgan Hammond.

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