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Kickin' it for the Kids event this Saturday, May 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Caring for Kids will host a free event – Kickin' it for the Kids – this Saturday, May 9, from 1-6 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds.

Cullman Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Case Manager Alyson Miley said the event will be a meaningful fundraiser for the organization.

"I have had a vision in my heart to host an event like this since graciously being given this position," Miley said. "This is the first year for this event, and it is our sincere hope that it becomes a meaningful and successful tradition as a special day of fun that families will look forward to each year."

Miley said the primary goal is to provide families with a fun, engaging day while increasing awareness of the valuable resources available within the community.

"Cullman is fortunate to be home to many compassionate nonprofit organizations dedicated to serving others, and this event aims to help connect those organizations with individuals and families who may benefit from their support," Miley said.

The event is free, with exception of raffles and food trucks. There will be live music, inflatables, food available for purchase, games and more. All proceeds » PAGE 2

CHS honors seniors at Career Tech Education Signing Day



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Front row, left to right, are Joshua Koch, Jacob Seaton, Levi Hokanson, Jacob Pugh, Sophie Belser and Anna Sandlin; back row, left to right, are Hunter Harbin, Malacki Hines, Alex Flanagan, Brandon James, Kacie West, Ashley Smith, Andee Simms and Callie Swafford.

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — It's not just student-athletes who are recognized for committing to college sports. Cullman High School recently held a signing day to celebrate students who have chosen to embark on meaningful careers in technical industries, enroll in training programs or serve our country through military enlistment.

"Their decisions are vital to the strength and future of our community and workforce," Career and Technical Education Director Lindsay Brannon said.

"Many of these students are pursuing Career Technical Education pathways aligned to high-demand fields. Several are entering the workforce directly in industry trades such as welding, HVACR and commercial construction.

"Others are continuing their training through postsecondary technical programs in areas such as health science and information technology. We also recognized students who are beginning the path toward careers in education as future teachers."

Brannon noted that taking the time to celebrate these students heading into career tech fields is a tribute to the expansive career tech programs offered at CHS, ranging from engineering, computer science, marketing, education, nutrition and more.

"Cullman High School's CTE Signing Day is valuable because they honor seniors pursuing skilled trades and technical training," she added.

"Highlighting these moments shows that multiple postsecondary pathways are meaningful and worthy of recognition while reinforcing preparation for real-world careers.

"It also gives students a sense of pride and helps families better understand the many opportunities available after graduation."

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Cullman City Schools recognized as 'Rising Star' by ALSDE



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Schools has been recognized as a "Rising Star" school system by the Alabama State Department of Education. Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff is pictured holding the banner. » PAGE 2

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Ty Harrison awarded Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation scholarship



ALABAMA CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Ty Harrison is pictured with Alabama Cattlemen's Association President Wyatt Sasser of Andalusia and Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate. » PAGE 7

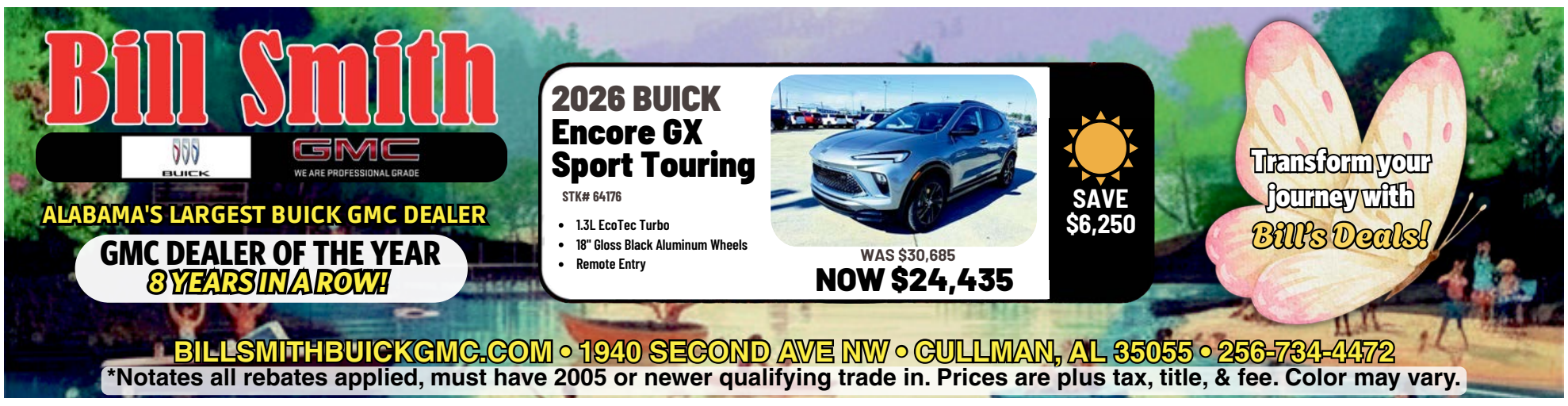
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 6

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 6, 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

May 4

• theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; miscellaneous; 2nd Ave. NW

May 5

• fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

• theft of property-3rd degree; person; wallet & contents; 2nd Ave. SW

• theft of property-2nd degree; Bestway Rent to Own; cash; Cherokee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

May 4-5

Faulkner, Whitney N.; 38

• FTA – failure to register vehicle

Marcum-Cornelious, Becky S.; 39

• FTA – driving while suspended

Woodard, Timmey S.; 64

• possessing forged instrument-3rd degree

Reeves, Kandace M.; 57

• FTA – driving while suspended

Anderson, Michael S.; 49

• GJ – bigamy

McCrary, Matthew C.; 40

• GJ – theft of property-1st degree

Self, Amber L.; 41

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Walton, Jerry D.; 40

• FTA – DUI

Barrett, Gavin R.; 28

• theft of property-3rd degree

• fraudulent use of credit/debit card

• GJ – theft of property-3rd degree

Doss, April D.; 42

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

City of Cullman Planning Commission notes: May 5, 2026

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Planning Commission was called to order by Commissioner Michael Sullins at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. Members approved the minutes of the previous meeting, held April 7.

Public hearing

• Short form subdivision request – 1011 Main Ave. SW – two lots

• Short form subdivision request – Loring Street Northwest and Cleveland Ave. NW – four lots

Both requests were approved.

Per the request of Kenneth White of the Maple Grove Subdivision, the following agenda item was tabled until the next meeting:

• Final plat – Maple Grove Subdivision (off Alabama Highway 157 NE and Warnke Way Northeast) – 35 lots

The commissioners approved the adoption of the proposed site plan, with contingencies from the city engineer based on the ALDOT traffic and safety plan, for Murphy Oil USA on Second Avenue Northwest.

The City of Cullman Planning Commission will meet next on Tuesday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the city hall auditorium.

Event (from Front)

will go to Cullman Caring for Kids.

"My inspiration for this event began during a season of personal growth as a single mother," Miley said.

"While working in the restaurant industry provided for my family, I felt called to pursue something more impactful. I give God the glory for leading me to Cullman Caring for Kids. What began as an interview for a volunteer position with Candace Lingo and CASA quickly grew into meaningful conversations, which turned into ideas, and ultimately into action.

"I now pray those actions become lasting blessings for our community.

"I am deeply passionate about the importance of supporting one another and coming together as a community. It truly takes a village, and I believe that through education, outreach and access to resources, families in Cullman can not only succeed, but truly thrive."

Get more information at www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids. The Cullman County Fairgrounds are located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman.

Rising Star (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools has been recognized as a "Rising Star" school system by the Alabama State Department of Education for its strong academic efforts and implementation of the state's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework.

The vision of MTSS in Alabama is to ensure every student has access to the academic and behavioral supports they need to succeed in school and beyond, said a release from the school system. "Cullman City Schools' recognition highlights the system's commitment to meeting the needs of every learner through intentional, research-based practices."

The release continued, "A key driver of this success has been the district's adoption of a customized instructional rounds process.

"This approach focuses on individual, school-based improvement efforts with the ultimate goal of increasing rigor and high-quality learning experiences for all students.

"Grounded in research and collaboration, the instructional rounds model promotes continuous growth on each campus while empowering educators to refine their practices."

"Our focus has been on building a system where continuous improvement is part of the culture in every school," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "Instructional rounds allow us to take a deeper look at teaching and learning, ensuring that we are consistently increasing rigor and providing meaningful opportunities for every student."

According to the system, the process is intentionally collaborative, bringing together administrators and teachers to reflect on classroom practices, share insights and implement strategies that lead to improved student outcomes.

"This recognition speaks to the openness and commitment of our educators," Kallhoff added. "The willingness of our administrators and teachers to grow, reflect, and improve each day is the reason Cullman City Schools continues to be one of the top-performing systems in Alabama."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD

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• Friday, May 8 – 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.

• Sunday, May 10 – 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.

• May 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Grilled Cheese Festival and Library BOOK SALE

• May 27, Start of Summer program!

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.

2026 Women's Conference: Joy in the Journey
Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m.-noon at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh. St. SW in Cullman. Ladies, you're invited to a special morning of encouragement, connection and worship at Seventh Street Baptist Church! Join us as we hear from Martha Pullen, Kelly Garner and Suzanne Crocker – three incredible speakers who will inspire and challenge you in your walk with Christ. Pastries and coffee provided. No matter where you are in your journey, this is a space for you to be refreshed and reminded of the joy God has for you. Register now at www.7thstreetbaptist.com/event-registration. Invite a friend and come – we'd love to see you there!

Cullman Chapter of NARFE Meeting
Monday, May 11, at Freddie Day Catering, 1628 Second Ave. NW, Cullman. A meat-and-three Dutch lunch will be served at 11 a.m., meeting and speakers at noon. Topic of meeting is "Health Choices of Federal Retirees." Speakers include Sonya Fortner and Penny Aldridge, agents of Medicare Health Benefits. Members and nonmembers are invited to attend.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m. at Saint Andrew's, 615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

Agnus (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Agnus, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is a young tuxedo domestic shorthair kitty with a playful spark and a subtle, caffeine-like personality.

Approximately 5-6 months old, Agnus is the kind of kitten who can turn almost anything into a game.

She is quick to pop up on a lap, invite attention and encourage anyone nearby to join in her playful antics.

This sweet, charming ball of happiness enjoys finding the smallest item to scoot across the floor before racing up the cat tower, checking back often to make sure someone is watching and ready to match her energy.

With her affectionate nature, bright personality and eagerness to engage, Agnus is a clear candidate for a companion or therapy kitty.

Her adoption fee is $100. The fee helps cover her spay, age-appropriate vaccinations, wormer, general exam and microchip.

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 Agnus has already found her forever home, readers are encouraged to ask about the shelter's other adoptable pets still waiting for families.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Hanceville tops Locust Fork 6-1 in area championship game, secures first ever area title in Lewis' first season

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The 2026 Hanceville Bulldogs with their 2026 Class 3A, Area 12 championship trophy.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs hosted Locust Fork in the Class 3A, Area 12 title game on Monday night. In their prior matchup in the winner's bracket semi-finals, the Bulldogs prevailed 2-0. With a stellar all around game from Isabella Spinks and a four inning no-hit relief frame from KK Butler, the Bulldogs secured their first ever area championship, taking the Hornets down 6-1.

After taking over a Lady Bulldog program that went 15-19-1 in 2025 and starting off the '26 season 2-8-1, head coach Kim Lewis and Hanceville have hit their stride, and will take momentum into regionals.

"There's definitely been a lot of growth, I'd venture to say I was blessed with some very talented girls when I arrived, so I can't take much credit for that. However, we have been working on character and work ethic, which to me goes so much further than an athlete's abilities. So trying to change that culture here has been very challenging, but I feel like we made some leeway and have begun developing good young ladies with good hearts and work ethic," Lewis said after the victory.

Starting the game for Hanceville was Isabella Spinks, who finished allowing just three hits and one earned run while striking out six Hornets in four innings. For Locust Fork, Preslie Ingram got the start and gave up eight hits and six earned runs but struck out seven Bulldogs.

The Hornets opened scoring quickly, getting two runners on by way of walks after the first out. To bring one of those runners home, Dallas Horn drilled a ball to center field to put the Hornets up 1-0.

Hanceville wasted no time striking back, as Kynzlee Farr led the Bulldogs off in the bottom of the first with a double to right, followed by Bentley Childers knocking in a single.

With runners on the corners, KK Butler got on first safely on a grounder to left, and an errant throw allowed Farr to tie it at one. With two outs and two runners in scoring position, Laila Lewis hit a blooper to center that cleared the bases, making it 3-1 Hanceville.

After a few back and forth defensive frames, Hanceville built on their lead in the bottom of the third. Childers led the inning off with a bunt single, then Spinks added two to the scoreboard with one swing, smacking a ball over the center field wall to make it 5-1 Bulldogs.

In the bottom of the fifth, Childers got on base again with a bunt single, then made it home on an errant throw during a KK Butler pop out, stretching Hanceville's lead to 6-1.

Sealing the win in the top of the seventh, Butler saw and struck out three straight Hornet batters to spark the celebration.

"I tell them 'when you cross that fence, onto this field, you're family' we've really tried to create a family atmosphere between the girls. They know this is where you come to escape the world, you get on that field and all your problems go away," Lewis said on her tight-knit group.

Leading the Bulldogs at the plate was Childers, who went 2-3 and scored three runs. Spinks and Childers both drove in two runs each, with Spinks' home run standing as the offensive highlight of the game.



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The Bulldogs will return to action next Wednesday at Regionals in Albertville, their opponent is TBD.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

- Maggie Nail, Holly Pond
- Clara Spitzer, Holly Pond
- Riley Green, Pennington
- Kinsley Culwell, Pennington
- Tori Vines, Vinemont
- Haley Millwood, Vinemont
- Arleigh Thomason, Vinemont
- Braylee Calloway, Locust Fork
- Kearstin Wilson, Locust Fork
- Shanna Johnson, Locust Fork
- Annie Aguirre, Locust Fork
- Piper Butts, Hanceville
- Isabella Spinks, Hanceville
- Kynzlee Farr, Hanceville
- KK Butler, Hanceville
- Karrigan Pipkin, Hanceville
- OFFENSIVE MVP: Bentley Childers, Hanceville
- DEFENSIVE MVP: KK Butler, Hanceville

PREP SOFTBALL

Good Hope falls 6-5 in area championship matchup with West Morgan

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EAST LAWRENCE, Ala. — After falling to West Morgan to start out this year's Class 4A Area 13 tournament on Monday, Good Hope rolled past East Lawrence (Monday) and knocked off Danville (Tuesday) in their loser's bracket games to get another crack at the Lady Rebels in the area championship game. It was close from start to finish, and it ended up going into extra innings. West Morgan, though, was able to score the winning run in extras, as they would go on to defeat Good Hope, 6-5, to take home this year's area title.

The Lady Raiders struck first in their opening at-bats. Kylee Smith and Campbell Koch hit back-to-back one-out singles, and Smith moved to third on a fly ball, then an error during the play allowed her to score to give Good Hope the early lead. The Lady Rebels, though, would respond in their half. Lady Raider starter Molly Benefield hit Maddie Leston and Melea Harris to start out the inning, then a ground ball by Chasity Rikard moved them over to third and second, respectively. Hatleigh White hit a two-run single to right field to put West Morgan up, 2-1.

After a scoreless second inning, the Lady Raiders got the lead right back in the top of the third. Lizzy Steed reached on an error to lead off the inning, and Smith drew a walk. Later that inning, Benefield helped herself out in a big way by hitting a two-run double to left field to give Good Hope a 3-2 lead. West Morgan got one of those runs back in their half. Harris led off the inning with a walk and later came around to score on an RBI single by Payson Terry to tie it up at three. It remained tied going into the top of the fifth.

Koch reached on an error to lead off the inning and moved up to second during the play. Gracie Garmon reached on a fielder's choice, then she moved up to second on a passed ball and to third on a ground ball. Another passed ball allowed Garmon to score to put Good Hope up, 4-3, but once again, the Lady Rebels tied it up in their half. Terry led off the inning with a single, then with two outs, Tensley Suggs' RBI single drove in Terry to knot it up at four.

Good Hope looked to break the tie in the top of the seventh. Smith reached on an infield single to lead off the inning, then a sacrifice bunt by Koch moved Smith up to second.

Gracie Garmon hit an RBI single up the middle to give the Lady Raiders a 5-4 lead going into the bottom of the seventh, as they were three outs away from playing West Morgan a second time for the title.

Benefield got the first two batters out to start out the inning, but White drew a walk, and Alyssa Cleveland reached on an error to put runners at first and second with two outs. Terry's RBI single up the middle brought home White to tie it up at five, and the game would be decided in extra innings.

Rikard and Benefield pitched lights out in the eighth inning, and Rikard retired Good Hope in order in the ninth inning. The Lady Rebels got a two-out rally started in their half. Rikard drew a walk, and Preslee Coburn came in to run for her. White quickly ended the game for West Morgan, as she hit the game-winning RBI double to left field to give the Lady Rebels a 6-5 win over the Lady Raiders in a wild extra-inning contest.



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Good Hope's Molly Benefield

Benefield finished with a pair of hits and two RBIs for Good Hope, and Gracie Garmon collected a hit and an RBI of her own in the game.

The Lady Raiders have qualified for Regionals, and they will take the field next week against an opponent that's TBD.

Cullman County Schools holds Military Signing Day

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools on Tuesday, May 5, held its 2026 Military Signing Day at the Cullman County Board of Education office, welcoming family, friends and military personnel, and recognizing students who are joining the armed forces.

Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette greeted attendees and prayed over the room.

"We do not take it lightly, the sacrifice you all have given and continue to give," Barnette told the retired, active and aspiring military service members after they were asked to stand and be applauded.

Barnette said, though some signees were not present, this year's was the largest group of signees the school system has had since beginning the annual Military Signing Day event.



CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Signees and recruiters, along with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette (far right), are pictured at Military Signing Day on May 5, 2026.

Military signees include:

Air National Guard
- Megan Little – Hanceville High

U.S. Air Force
- Jordan Fuller – Fairview High
- Caden Parker – Good Hope High
- Tristan Grund – Good Hope High
- Michael Moyer – Vinemont High
- Logan Dillard – West Point High

Army National Guard
- Silas Reynolds – Holly Pond High
- Dakota Wooten – Holly Pond High

U.S. Marines
- Solomon Penn – Hanceville High
- Caden Davis – Hanceville High

U.S. Navy
- Braxton Stewart – Fairview High
- Brayden McKinney – Hanceville High
- Parker Gutierrez – Fairview High

Stewart will pursue a path in nuclear engineering. For his efforts, he was awarded a $70,000 enlistment bonus.

Hartselle Civil Air Patrol squadron invites families to explore program

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HARTSELLE, Ala. — A Civil Air Patrol squadron in Hartselle is inviting local families to learn more about its youth and adult programs.

The group meets each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Agape House, 205 Hickory St. SE in Hartselle.

According to Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Michael McEntyre, the Civil Air Patrol offers young people ages 12-18 opportunities to explore aerospace, leadership, cybersecurity and emergency services while also helping prepare them for future careers and responsibilities.

He said the organization also provides ways for adults to volunteer, teach and serve in a variety of support roles.

"I want to introduce you to the Civil Air Patrol established on Dec. 1, 1941," McEntyre said. "Today, CAP continues to serve the nation with over 60,000 volunteers performing missions that include search and rescue, disaster relief, counterdrug operations and youth development. We are the largest private fleet of airplanes in the world which is overseen by the U.S. Air Force."

McEntyre said the program follows a military-style structure that helps teach discipline, responsibility, military customs and courtesy.

He said cadets can take part in flying opportunities, flight academies and classes covering engineering, medical introductions, drones, search and rescue and radio procedures.

"One of our core missions is to teach kids 12-18 years old about aerospace, leadership, cybersecurity and emergency services," he said. "We take kids flying and have flight academies for which they can learn to fly. We have classes in engineering, medical introductions, drones, search and rescue plus many more."

McEntyre said volunteers also play an important role in helping prepare young people for the future.

He said adults, prior military members and educators can all help continue the organization's mission by teaching skills and mentoring cadets.

"We help prepare young adults for the future. We do this through volunteers as in youths, adults, prior military service members and even educational teachers to continue Civil Air Patrol's legacy," he said. "Volunteers learn and teach others. A cadet who's qualified in radio may teach other cadets or even adults in proper radio procedures. Volunteers can become part of an aircrew as an observer, scanner or photographer for missions."

The organization also needs qualified pilots and volunteer pilots to support missions, training and orientation flights for cadets, along with community support and search and rescue efforts.

"To be able to fly missions such as orientation flights for cadets, community support, search and rescue," he said.

The organization also offers programs for teachers and homeschool parents, along with volunteer roles focused on mentorship, character development and crisis response.

McEntyre said Civil Air Patrol provides STEM kits and classroom materials through several education initiatives designed to help students learn about aerospace, physical fitness and leadership.

"We also have an educator's program. This program is for teachers and homeschool parents," McEntyre said. "CAP can supply teaching materials to help educate students with STEM kits."

McEntyre said those resources include the Teacher Orientation Program, Aerospace Connections Education for grades K-6 and the Aerospace Education Excellence program.

"The Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) flies Teachers. The Aerospace Connections Education (ACE) program k-6 has lesson plans for aerospace, physical fitness and character education, and the Aerospace Education Excellence (AEX) program has six lessons for the aerospace award program," he said.

McEntyre said the organization also needs volunteers who can help guide cadets in character development and support members during difficult situations.

"We don't want to forget about our Chaplain and Character Development Instructor program. You can volunteer to teach cadets about our core values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Respect and Excellence," he said. "You can also provide caring and appropriate crisis response counseling, be there for our members going through challenges and ensuring the religious liberty of every person. During disaster relief, you can provide support to individuals going through disaster."

Those interested in learning more about the program can visit www.gocivilairpatrolcom. McEntyre said visitors can enter their zip code to find a nearby squadron, along with meeting days, times, locations and a contact person for questions.



DEPUTY COMMANDER LT. COL. MICHAEL MCENTYRE

A Civil Air Patrol squadron in Hartselle is inviting local families to learn more about its youth and adult programs.

"We have so much to offer and so many opportunities for youths and adults to learn," he said.

Unit contact David A. Stoner can be reached at 901-230-9255 or david.stoner@alwg.us. McEntyre can be reached at 205-914-4146 or michael.mcentyre@alwg.us.

Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council at its meeting on Monday, May 4, announced park upgrades and discussed the upcoming Pops in the Park event.

The concession stand at Governors Park has been repainted. Councilman Eli Howard said the council is awaiting a quote for the roof of the concession stand and the pavilion nearest to it.

Councilman Dwight Kidd also reported that the picnic tables discussed at a previous council meeting were ordered and have arrived. He said they will be placed as soon as a concrete pad is poured for them in a suitable spot. He advised that spotlights near the recently remodeled restrooms have been installed.

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Brown told those in attendance that the "Slow - Children at Play" and "Deaf Child Area" signs have also been delivered.

Holly Pond Middle and High Schools will present their annual Pops in the Park event on Saturday, May 9, from 4-7 p.m., at Governors Park from 4- 7 p.m. The schools' choirs and band will perform.

Councilman Dwight Kidd motioned for the council to begin working on this summer's America 250 Celebration, volunteering himself for the agenda. Councilman Eli Howard offered to assist and seconded the motion. All council members approved.

Moving on to new business, Howard presented a new design for Holly Pond Lions Club Park. Kidd motioned to approve the design, and it was seconded by Carr and passed.

Mayor Carla Hart has received an estimate for the installation of approximately 45 new cameras around the area.

"That would be for town hall, senior center, event center, concession stand and the library," Brown clarified.

The council discussed tabling this until the June meeting so the new bid could be compared to the existing bid.

After some discussion, however, Howard motioned to approve whichever bid was the most reasonable, to allow the cameras to be set up prior to next month's meeting. Councilwoman Deborah Holcomb motioned to approve, Kidd seconded and the winning bid was approved.

The Holly Pond Town Council will meet next on Monday, June 2, at 6 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library.





STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-174

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ELIZABETH CLOS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

WJC

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to John Francis Clos on the 5th day of May, 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.

John Francis Clos
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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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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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-7

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE SHERRY STREET IN THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.
The purpose of this Ordinance is to vacate a public street known as Sherry Street as more particularly described herein, in order to promote the public health, safety, and welfare and to further the efficient use of land and municipal resources. The City Council finds that the vacation of the said Street is in the public interest because it is no longer needed for public use; alternative access exists; the vacation will facilitate economic development; and that adequate means of ingress and egress to all abutting properties will be maintained or provided.

Section 2. Legal Description of Street to be Vacated.
The public right-of-way to be vacated is commonly known as Sherry Street located in the City of Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama.

Section 3. Authority.
This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the City's home rule and police powers and under the authority granted to municipalities by Alabama law to vacate streets and public rights-of-way, including all applicable provisions of Alabama statutes permitting a municipality to vacate streets by ordinance after notice and hearing. Notice of said hearing has been properly posted and a hearing was held pursuant to the notice.

Section 4. Public Hearing; Notice; Public Input.
4.1. Notice. Notice of a public hearing was posted pursuant to law.

4.2. Public Hearing. A public hearing was held in accordance to the public notice.

4.3 Public Input Procedures. At the public hearing, all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

Section 5. Findings and Declaration of Vacation.
Following the public hearing described in Section 4, the City Council hereby finds that vacating Sherry Street, as legally described in Section 2, serves the public interest and welfare, and that reasonable and safe means of ingress and egress for all abutting property owners will be maintained or otherwise provided. Accordingly, the City Council hereby declares that, upon effectiveness as provided herein, the public right-of-way described in Section 2 is vacated.

Section 8. Severability.
If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 9. Repealer.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

Section 10. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law after passage, approval, and publication.

Section 10. Recordation.
A copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and caused the seal of the City to be affixed on this 5TH day of May, 2026.

City OF Hanceville, ALABAMA

By: _____
Nolan Bradford, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Tanya Wilcox, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026@ 6:30 PM
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Good Hope, will hold a public hearing on 5/11/26 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, Request to Re-Zone GB to R2, will be given an opportunity to be heard.

CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.7 Measurement Determination

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

SECTION 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS

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

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

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

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

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

4.3 Administrative Remedies
If a violation is not cured within the time provided, the City may take one or more of the following actions, as permitted by law:
a. Denial, suspension, or revocation of any zoning approval, business license, or certificate of occupancy related to the establishment;
b. Withholding or denial of future permits or approvals; and
c. Initiation of civil enforcement proceedings, including injunctive relief, in the appropriate court of jurisdiction.

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

SECTION 5. LEGAL NONCONFORMING USES (GRANDFATHER CLAUSE)

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

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2026.

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Mayor of Hanceville

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

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 BENJAMIN BURTON SLAYTON, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-152**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to TAMMY FRANKS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BENJAMIN BURTON SLAYTON, deceased, on the 5th day of May, 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.

Tammy Franks
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
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409 2nd 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 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
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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

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgages executed by **ELLARD CALVERT AND SPOUSE, MARY CALVERT** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated April 27, 2007, and recorded on May 22, 2007, in Mortgage Book 1521 Page 823 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, as modified by that Modification of Mortgage dated February 12, 2011, and recorded on March 7, 2011, in Mortgage Book 1647 Page 305, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **28th day of May, 2026,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Commence at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 11, Range 5 West and go 105 yards East to the point of beginning for land herein conveyed; Thence continue East 105 yards to a point; thence go South 105 yards to a point; thence go West 105 yards to a point; thence go North 105 yards back to the point of beginning for the land herein conveyed, said parcel of land containing 1½ Acres, more or less.

Property Address: 19884 County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-062

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AMANDA PIRKLE THOMPSON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Amanda Leshae Calahan 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.

Amanda Leshae Calahan
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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Harrison (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Ty Harrison was awarded a scholarship at the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation (ACF) Scholarship Banquet held Friday, May 1, in Montgomery. Ty is the son of Mike and Maria Harrison of Holly Pond.

Harrison will graduate from Holly Pond High School and plans to attend Faulkner University to pursue a degree in Business Management Marketing.

Harrison was one of 165 students awarded more than $162,250 in scholarships by the ACF, which serves to engage in educational and scientific activities to improve the beef cattle industry in Alabama and educate youth on the importance of beef cattle in Alabama. The ACF provides the opportunity to make tax deductible donations for the educational work of the foundation and is largely funded by the sale of the "Cowboy Tag" vanity license plate.

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LEGALS

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
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO. PC2026-181
BEVERLY JOAN MOSS, Deceased *

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NOTICE TO CREDITOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to H. Chris Moss, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Beverly Joan Moss, deceased, on the 5th day of May, 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.

H. CHRIS MOSS
Personal Representative

Nancy F. McClellan
BLAND, HARRIS & McCLELLAN, P.C.
Attorneys for Estate
401 Second Avenue, SW, Suite 103
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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

2026 Sample Democratic Ballot

Sample ballot for the May 19, 2026 Primary Election

SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

OFFICIAL BALLOT — **DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA MAY 19, 2026**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ⬭ COMPLETELY! ⬬
IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ WILL BOYD
- ⬭ JAMEL J. BROWN
- ⬭ YOLANDA ROCHELLE FLOWERS
- ⬭ DOUG JONES
- ⬭ CHAD "Chig" MARTIN
- ⬭ NATHAN "Nate" MATHIS

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ PHILLIP ENSLER
- ⬭ DARRYL D. PERRYMAN

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ DAKARAI LARRIETT
- ⬭ KYLE SWEETSER
- ⬭ EVERETT WESS
- ⬭ MARK S. WHEELER II

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)
- ⬭ AMANDA N. PUSCZEK
- ⬭ SHANE WEAVER

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ JAMES O. GORDON
- ⬭ JOHN NORTHROP
- ⬭ JEFF RAMSEY

FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MALE), DISTRICT NO. (Vote for One)

THIS OFFICE RUNS BY DISTRICT

FOR STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (MALE), DISTRICT NO. 14 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ JAMES KINSMAN
- ⬭ DARRON MITCHELL

"Shall the following Amendments to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the following offenses shall be offenses for which a judge may deny bail: shooting or discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling or other occupied space in violation of Section 13A-11-61(b), Code of Alabama 1975; or any solicitation, attempt, or conspiracy to commit murder. Proposed by Act 2025-227.

- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to provide that the compensation of a district attorney may not be diminished during his or her term of office. Proposed by Act 2025-291.

- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

"By casting this ballot, I do pledge myself to abide by the result of this Primary Election and to aid and support all the Nominees thereof in the ensuing General Election."

PREPARED BY THE PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL INFORMATION
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

END OF BALLOT

2026 Sample Republican Ballot

Sample ballot for the May 19, 2026 Primary Election

SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

OFFICIAL BALLOT — **REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA MAY 19, 2026**

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ⬭ COMPLETELY! ⬬
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FOR GOVERNOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ KEN McFEETERS
- ⬭ "Alabama" WILL SANTIVASCI
- ⬭ THOMAS TUBERVILLE

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ WES ALLEN
- ⬭ PAT BISHOP
- ⬭ GEORGE CHILDRESS
- ⬭ RICK PATE
- ⬭ STEWART HILL TANKERSLEY
- ⬭ NICOLE JONES WADSWORTH
- ⬭ JOHN WAHL

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ SETH BURTON
- ⬭ DALE SHELTON DEAS JR.
- ⬭ JARED HUDSON
- ⬭ STEVE MARSHALL
- ⬭ BARRY MOORE
- ⬭ MORGAN MURPHY
- ⬭ RODNEY WALKER

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)
- ⬭ ROBERT B. ADERHOLT
- ⬭ TOMMY BARNES

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)
- ⬭ PAMELA L. CASEY
- ⬭ JAY MITCHELL
- ⬭ KATHERINE ROBERTSON

FOR STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT NO. 4 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ J.R. BOWLING
- ⬭ GARLAN GUDGER

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for One)
- ⬭ CAROLEENE DOBSON
- ⬭ CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIAN HORN
- ⬭ GLENDA S. JACKSON

FOR STATE TREASURER (Vote for One)
- ⬭ YOUNG BOOZER
- ⬭ STEVE LOLLEY

FOR STATE AUDITOR (Vote for One)
- ⬭ DEREK CHEN
- ⬭ ANDREW SORRELL

FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIES (Vote for One)
- ⬭ COREY HILL
- ⬭ CHRISTINA WOERNER McINNIS
- ⬭ JACK WILLIAMS

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ MATT GENTRY
- ⬭ JEREMY H. ODEN

FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ PRISCILLA ANDREWS

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 6 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ CATHI BRADFORD
- ⬭ MARIE MANNING

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ REBURN MILLER
- ⬭ KENNETH WALKER

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ RICHARD BARNETT
- ⬭ JOSH SPEAKMAN

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER (Vote for One)
- ⬭ KENNETH CORNELIUS
- ⬭ MIKE PITTS

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF (Vote for One)
- ⬭ TIM CREEL
- ⬭ CHAD WHALEY

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, / DISTRICT NO. (vote for One)

FOR STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CULLMAN COUNTY, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ CATHI BRADFORD
- ⬭ JAMIE SPEAKMAN

FOR STATE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CULLMAN COUNTY, PLACE NO. 4 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ J.R. BOWLING
- ⬭ CHATTY FREEMAN
- ⬭ SAMUEL "Sam" L. ROBERTS

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WEST SIDE (Vote for no more than Three)
- ⬭ CHATTY FREEMAN
- ⬭ JACQUELINE B. SCHENDEL
- ⬭ JAMIE SPEAKMAN
- ⬭ TOMMY WILKINSON

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, EAST SIDE (Vote for no more than Three)
- ⬭ CATHI BRADFORD
- ⬭ CAROL CLINE
- ⬭ DAVID W. GRISSOM
- ⬭ JEFF LAWSON

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AT LARGE (Vote for no more than Nine)
- ⬭ JEFF "Clem" CLEMONS
- ⬭ JEREMY CLINE
- ⬭ CHAMP CROCKER
- ⬭ STEVE CUMMINGS
- ⬭ KELLY DUKE
- ⬭ GREG "Tally" JOHNSON
- ⬭ JEREMY H. ODEN
- ⬭ GWEN B. PARKER
- ⬭ REX SORROW
- ⬭ MORRIS L. WILLIAMS

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CITY OF CULLMAN (Vote for no more than Three)

FOR MEMBER CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, / DISTRICT NO. (Vote for One)

CONTINUE VOTING ON BACK

THESE OFFICES RUN BY DISTRICT

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, HANCEVILLE / DISTRICT NO. 4 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ KENNY BROCKMAN
- ⬭ STEPHEN McREA

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CITY OF CULLMAN (Vote for no more than Three)
- ⬭ G. RHYS BATTLES
- ⬭ ALEX J. CHANEY
- ⬭ WAID HARBISON
- ⬭ MICHAEL SAPP

FOR MEMBER CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WEST POINT / DISTRICT NO. 1 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ J.R. BOWLING
- ⬭ SAMUEL "Sam" L. ROBERTS

FOR MEMBER CULLMAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, FAIRVIEW / DISTRICT NO. 2 (Vote for One)
- ⬭ MIKE BALL
- ⬭ TODD FLOYD

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- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2

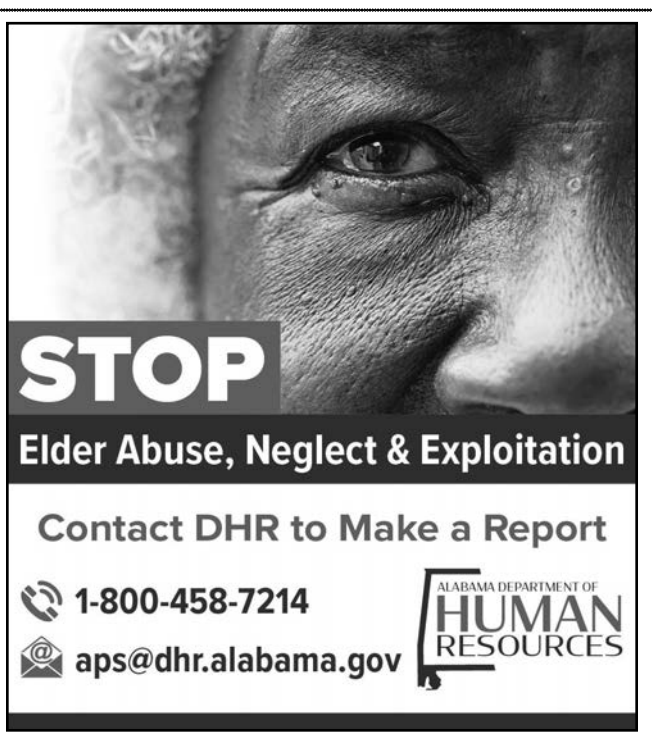
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- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

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END OF BALLOT











Obituary Announcements: May 5-6

James Dion Marrs, 59
James (Jamey) Dion Marrs born Sept. 15, 1966, went to be with the Lord on May 2, 2026. He leaves behind a son Dion Marrs, his beloved Barbara (Barbie) Stanley, his mother Mona Harris, brother Don Marrs, sisters Nina (Dan) King, Wendy (Perry) Schaffer, and host of nieces nephews, cousins, aunt, and friends who loved him. He will be greatly missed. Graveside service will be at Fairview West Baptist Church on May 5, 2026, at 3 p.m.

James Charles Veach, 89
James Charles "J.C." Veach, 89, of Cullman, Alabama, formerly of Corbin, Kentucky, passed away on April 29, 2026. J.C. was born on Feb. 9, 1937, in Corbin, Kentucky. Over the years, he built a life centered around hard work, family, and the simple things he loved most. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances C. Veach; his parents, Jermie and Lucy Veach; and his brothers, Arnold Veach and Ray Veach. J.C. is survived by his children, Melissa Veach of Cullman, Alabama, and Marty Veach of Corbin, KY. He is also survived by his siblings, Wayne Veach, Sherry Veach-Volpe, and Joe Veach. He was a proud grandfather to Brent (Elisabeth) Wright of Cullman Alabama, Shayla (Dalton) Alexander of Birmingham Alabama, Destanie Williams of Birmingham Alabama, Kyrstin Williams of Birmingham Alabama, and James Williams of Cullman Alabama. He also leaves behind his great-grandchildren, Asher and Jett Wright. J.C. spent many years working as an auto mechanic, a trade he took great pride in and knew inside and out. He had a deep love for fishing and found peace and joy on the water with his fishing buddies, whenever he could. He will be remembered as a loving father and grandfather, a man who could be as stubborn as he was wise, and someone who always seemed to know the answer. To those who knew him best, he was one of a kind, steady, strong, and full of quiet love. His memory will live on in the stories shared, the lessons he passed down, and the family who meant everything to him. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Doreen Annette Waldrep, 70
Doreen Annette Waldrep passed on May 1, 2026, at the age of 70. Born April 16, 1956, to Oxford O'Neal and Stella Marie Ray, she was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, Oxford O'Neal and Stella Marie Ray; her husband, Michael Waldrep; her sisters, Virginia "Kathy" Buchanan and Nancy Harden; and her brother, Randy Ray. She is survived by her daughter, Joy Waldrep Powell; her son, Scottie Waldrep; her grandchildren, Lily Grace Powell and Aiden Ty Waldrep; her sisters, Diana Monk, Betty Hall, Teresa Hughes, Pam Bentley, and Sandra Douglas (Calvin); and her brother, Rodney Ray. as well as The Waldrep and Smith Families and a host of nieces and nephews Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on May 7, 2026, from 6-9 p.m. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on May 8, 2026, to 1 p.m. A Graveside Committal Service will be held at Flint Creek Cemetery, 3048 County Road 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179, on May 8, 2026.

James Franklin Turner, Jr., 71
James Franklin Turner, Jr., 71, passed away on May 3, 2026, at UAB Hospital. He was born on Jan. 3, 1955, in Kentucky to James Franklin Sr. and Vonda Lee Key Turner. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. James was a man who found joy in the simple and adventurous sides of life. He had a deep love for motorcycles, fishing, and cave crawling, always drawn to the outdoors and the freedom it offered. Those who knew him understood his appreciation for both quiet moments and rugged exploration. He will be remembered as a good father and a hardworking man. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Louise Turner; brothers, Ray and Kenneth Turner; son, Christopher Turner; grandson, Jayy Turner. Those left to cherish his memory are his sons, Brandon Turner, Nick Turner, Rick Turner, Junior Turner, Jessie Turner; daughters, Rebecca (Kevin) Nail, Ara Rose (Sid), Tammy Turner; brothers, Roger Turner, Robert Turner, Paul Turner; sisters, Dean, Carolyn, Linda, Peggy, Nancy, Annie Ruth; grandchildren, Kelly (Tyler) Turner, Morgan (Kyle) Parker, Jessica (Dylan) West; great-grandchildren, Ariel, Damon, Kevin, Ares, Phillip, family and friends. At this time, no services are planned.

Candace Mae Lovell, 81
Funeral Service for Candace Mae Lovell, age 81 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jeff Lovell officiating; burial at Holly Pond Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Lovell passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at Cullman Regional Hospital. She was born Jan. 15, 1945, Earl and Mary Luchenbach. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Darrell Dean Lovell; daughter, LeeAnn Hagood and her grandchild, Ryan Hagood, Survivors include her daughter, Cindy (Terry) Carroll; son, Jeff (Joby) Hubble, son, Greg (Libby) Hubble and daughter, Kathy (Eddie) Beck; grandchildren, Angela Johns, Amy Carroll, Cody Rosin, Austin Beck, Cooper Beck, Meghan Hubble, Blake Goolsby, Josh Hubble, Jeffrey Hubble, Candace Hubble and Seth Hubble; eight great grandchildren; 4 great great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Reginald 'Reggie' Clay, 77
Reginald "Reggie" Clay, 77, passed away leaving behind a life defined by hard work, dedication, and deep love for family. He was born Feb. 7, 1949, to K.L. Clay and Mavis Smith Clay. Funeral service will be Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 12 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Gardendale. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. A proud graduate of West End High School's Class of 1967, Reginald distinguished himself early as a talented three-sport athlete, carrying the discipline and determination he learned on the field throughout his life. He built a respected career as a master plumber, lending his skills to small businesses, large corporations, and eventually his own independent work. Beyond his professional life, Reginald's greatest joy came from time spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patsy Clay; a sister, Debbie Moody. Survivors include his son, Brad (Bonnie) Clay; daughter, Dana (Brett) Thompson; brothers, Garry (Carol) Clay, Keith (Richann) Clay; grandchildren, Becket, Brendan, Declan, Savannah (Andrew), Sebastion, Sadie, Silas, Lexie (Brandon), Faith; great-grandchildren, Mavis, Murphy; family and friends. The family would like to say a special thank you to Affinity Hospice and Summerford Nursing Home for the special care given to their father. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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