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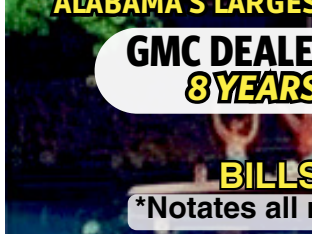
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Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival postponed due to weather

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The 2026 Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival has been postponed due to weather, organizers announced Friday. The festival was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Hanceville. Festival organizers said a new date has not been set.

"This year's festival will be rescheduled due to weather," organizers posted on the Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival Facebook page.

"Stay tuned for the date once the weather pattern stabilizes. As of now, next week looks like the same pattern, so it will likely be after that, maybe even later in June or early July. Thanks for everyone's support, and sorry for the inconvenience."

The decision comes as the National Weather Service in Huntsville placed Cullman County under a Flash Flood Watch through Saturday morning.

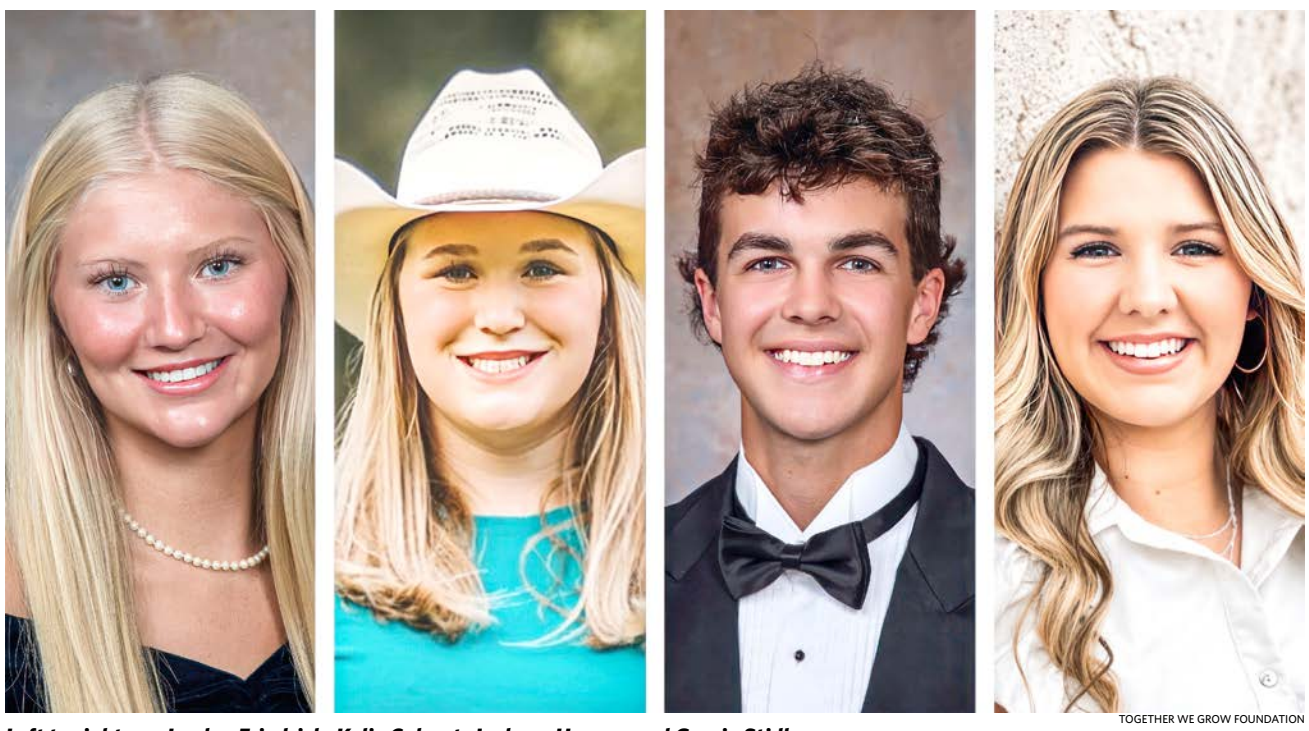
The watch cited multiple rounds of rain and thunderstorms, saturated soils and the potential for excessive runoff in low-lying and flood-prone areas.

The Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival has become one of the city's signature downtown events, bringing food trucks, street vendors, live music, arts and crafts, children's activities and a grilled cheese cook-off competition to the heart of Hanceville.

Organizers said the new date will be announced once the weather pattern becomes more stable.

Updates are expected through the Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival Facebook page.

Friedrich, Calvert, Haynes, Stidham awarded Together We Grow Foundation scholarships



TOGETHER WE GROW FOUNDATION

Left to right are Jayden Friedrich, Kylie Calvert, Jackson Haynes and Gracie Stidham.

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Together We Grow Foundation, a nonprofit supported by Alabama Farm Credit, recently announced the awarding of 11 scholarships totaling $27,500 to students pursuing education and careers in agriculture and related fields across north Alabama. Among the recipients are Vinemont High School senior Jayden Friedrich, Cullman High School senior Kylie Calvert, Fairview High School senior Jackson Haynes and Cullman Christian School senior Gracie Stidham.

Friedrich, Calvert, Haynes and Stidham each received a Young Roots Scholarship, awarded to graduating high school seniors who plan to pursue degrees in agriculture and related fields. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement and involvement in their schools and communities.

"This scholarship program was created to support students who are committed to their education and passionate about agriculture," said Together We Grow Foundation President Kedric Karkosh.

Jayden Friedrich

"Jayden's leadership, academic excellence and strong connection to agriculture make Jayden a great example of the students we aim to support through this program," said Karkosh.

Jayden graduated from Vinemont High School with a 4.43 GPA and served as president of the Student Government Association, treasurer of the National Honor Society, captain of the Vinemont High School Archery Team and leader of the Eagle Pride Club. Jayden was also a member of volleyball; Leo Club; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Jayden plans to attend the University of South Alabama, majoring in Science of Radiology with a minor in Agricultural Sciences, with plans to continue her family's agricultural legacy.

Kylie Calvert

"Kylie's dedication to leadership through FFA and her goals within the agricultural industry make her a strong example of the students we are proud to support," said Karkosh.

Kylie graduated from Cullman High School with a 3.9 GPA and was heavily involved in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) program throughout her high school career. She was an FFA member from 2020 to 2026, serving as FFA reporter and later as FFA president, demonstrating leadership and dedication to agricultural education.

Kylie plans to attend Auburn University, where she will major in Animal Science. She aspires to pursue a career in the cattle industry and continue her » PAGE 10

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 22, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 18

- trafficking drugs; I65NB MM 299
- trespassing; CR 1418
- assault; Lions Park Rd.
- burglary; CR 520
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Patton Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 655

May 19

- assault; Hwy. 69N
- harassing communications; CR 955
- domestic violence; CR 285
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1720
- criminal mischief; CR 646
- theft of property; CR 1742

May 20

- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 565
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

May 18-20

Barfield, Marcus S.; 45

- drug trafficking

Baugh, Daniel T.; 40

- FTA – obstructing justice using a false identity
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Bice, Ally D.; 22

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Brown, Katelyn E.; 39

- drug trafficking
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Floyd, Keith T.; 61

- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hall, Zachary S.; 59

- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Jacobs, Alexis P.; 24

- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Keller, Nicholas E.; 41

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Roberson, Sr., Ron M.; 72

- GJ – drug trafficking

Robertson, Mary G.; 22

- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – no/improper tag light
- FTA – expired tag

Sevilla Salgado, Jose E.; 33

- DUI (alcohol)

Shultz, Michael D.; 39

- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Kenneth S.; 54

- FTA – no seat belt
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Stephens, Obie W.; 42

- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Wagnon, Jr., Jeffrey S.; 41

- PROBATION VIOLATION – flight/escape

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 20

- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $52; Olive St. SW
- harassing communications; person

May 21

- burglary-2nd degree; person; damaged property; Brunner St. NW
- identity theft; person
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damage to '24 Toyota; $1,000; Olive St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '18 Ford Escape; $500; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Housing Authority; Logan St. SW

ARRESTS

May 21

Mann, Jacob C.; 30

- domestic violence-3rd degree

Bliss, Timothy E.; 39

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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







WALLACE STATE

Guests at the 2025 Adult Education Fall Family Literacy Festival play a game.

Wallace State receives $10K grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support family literacy

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Dollar General Literacy Foundation (DGLF) recently awarded Wallace State Community College a $10,000 grant to support family literacy. The funds contribute to a record setting, single day total of nearly $16 million in grants nationwide — supporting adult, family and summer literacy programs in the 48 states where Dollar General operates. The milestone surpasses the Foundation's previous record of more than $13.2 million granted in May 2025.

"Wallace State's Families Learning Together initiative helps adult learners improve basic literacy skills by becoming their children's first teachers," Patti Wilkins, director of adult education.

Wallace State's Adult Education program offers the Families Learning Together initiative annually. This program features adult learners and their children participating together in all learning activities. Library workshops, shared reading sessions, take-home literacy kits and the Adult Education Fall Family Literacy Festival engage parents and children simultaneously, reinforcing literacy skills across generation.

"Since the Foundation's inception in 1993, our focus has remained on making meaningful investments in students, teachers, and the organizations that support literacy and learning at every stage of life," said Denine Torr, executive director of the DGLF. "We are grateful for the impact teachers and educators make every day and are excited to have another record setting year of helping expand literacy access for learners of all ages. These funds will help educators enhance their instruction and create opportunities that help empower students to reach their full potential."

The DGLF supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, stimulate and enable innovation in the delivery of educational instruction and inspire a love of reading. Each year, DGLF awards funds to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs. The Foundation also offers a student referral program for individuals interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency exam. Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available at www.dgliteracy.org/program-locator or through referral cards found in the Learn to Read brochures that are available at the cash register of every Dollar General store.

The DGLF plans to launch its seventh annual Yellow Glass campaign, www.dgliteracy.org/yellowglasses/campaign, on July 20, 2026, in which customers can purchase yellow sunglasses at Dollar General stores for $2 each to benefit the DGLF.

For more information about Wallace State's Adult Education program, visit www.wallacestate.edu/adult-ed or call 256-352-7859.



Campaign (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As Memorial Day weekend opens the summer travel season, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency is launching its annual "101 Days of Summer Safety" campaign.

The statewide effort is focused on reducing deaths and injuries on Alabama roads, waterways and beaches through Labor Day.

This year's campaign is titled "Land of the Free. Home of Safe Summers." ALEA said the campaign carries a patriotic theme as the United States marks 250 years since 1776.

The agency said the message is meant to remind residents and visitors that summer freedom comes with personal responsibility. That responsibility includes safe decisions while driving, boating and spending time along the Gulf Coast.

ALEA Troopers and personnel are expected to increase patrols and enforcement efforts throughout the summer travel season. The campaign will include Highway Patrol Troopers, Marine Patrol Troopers and ALEA's Rescue Swimmer Detail.

The Rescue Swimmer Detail will again be activated along Alabama beaches. The unit assists with emergency response and water rescues during peak travel periods.

"Summer in Alabama is about making memories with family and friends, whether that's on the road, on the water or at the beach," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said.

"As we celebrate America's 250th year, we are reminding everyone that safety is a shared responsibility. Last year, we saw encouraging progress, including a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and zero boating fatalities during the summer season.

"This year, our goal remains the same, zero lives lost, but we need the public's help to make that happen."

According to ALEA, the agency recorded a 50% decrease in traffic fatalities during the 2025 Memorial Day holiday travel period compared to the previous year.

ALEA also reported zero boating fatalities statewide during that same holiday period.

The summer safety campaign follows ALEA's participation in the Second Annual Southern States for Safe Boating Press Conference. The event brought Alabama together with marine law enforcement agencies from five other Gulf states.

The agencies recognized National Safe Boating Week and promoted water safety across the region.

Throughout the summer, ALEA said the "101 Days of Summer Safety" campaign will include coordinated safety messaging, enforcement efforts, educational outreach and public awareness events.

The agency is urging drivers, boaters and beachgoers to make responsible decisions throughout the holiday weekend and the full summer travel season.

ALEA reminds motorists to buckle up on every trip. Drivers should avoid distracted driving, follow posted speed limits, never drive impaired and move over for emergency and law enforcement vehicles.

The agency also reminds drivers to avoid aggressive driving during heavy traffic. Children should be properly secured in age-appropriate car seats.

On the water, ALEA urges boaters to wear properly fitted life jackets and avoid boating under the influence.

Boaters should check weather conditions before leaving shore, file a float plan and keep proper safety equipment onboard. ALEA also reminds boaters to watch for swimmers and other vessels and to complete a boating safety course.

"Whether you're traveling Alabama's highways, enjoying our lakes or spending time on the Gulf Coast, one decision can save a life," Taylor said.

"This summer, let's honor our nation's legacy by looking out for one another and making sure everyone makes it home safely."

For additional summer safety information and updates, follow ALEA on social media at @ALEAProtects or visit www.alea.gov.

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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.

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
• Sunday, May 24 – 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.
• Wednesday, May 27 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, May 29 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, May 31 – 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.
• Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. BOOK SALE! Books starting at 50 cents! YARD SALE of items no longer needed at library

Start of summer program:
• Wednesday, May 27, 10 a.m. Animal Tracks and Habits presented by Milli Keel with Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District. What animals are wild and what animals are domesticated? Attend for answers and enjoy an animal track craft!
• Wednesday, May 27, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class
• Friday, May 29, 6 p.m. Poetry night (Announcement of Poetry contest winner!)
• Wednesday, June 3, 10 a.m. Live SNAKES, let's replace fear with fascination, experts present an engaging, hands-on show that brings the world of reptiles and exotic animals to the Shirley Burden Public Library
• Monday, June 1, 6 p.m. Culture Club meets
• Wednesday, June 3, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class
• Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. Birds' Beaks - Amazing Adaptations presented by Kerri Roberts Alabama 4-H
• Wednesday, June 10, 1-3 p.m. Crochet class

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program
• Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program!
• June 2, Mr. Larry's Magic Show
• June 9, Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District
• June16, Movie Day- "The Land Before Time"
• June 23, Jessie Douglas, Farm Bill Biologist II
• June 30, Snead's Farmhouse
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact the Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226, or guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

Kids Fish-O-Rama
Saturday, May 23, at Veterans Memorial Park in Hanceville, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. Fishing will take place from 8-11. The event is open to children ages 14 and younger. Registration is free. Participants will not only get to enjoy a morning of fishing, but lunch will also be provided. Trophies will be awarded throughout the divisions, as well as door prizes, during the event. 503 Park Street, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission at its May 21 meeting approved a range of grants, infrastructure projects and resolutions.

The commissioners congratulated Cullman County Animal Control Officers Johnny Jarrett and Cooper Harris for graduating from the police academy and thanked them for their service to the county.

The commission passed a resolution to lower the speed limit on County Road 1656 to 35 mph. It also approved a separate resolution about vacating County Road 270.

In a public hearing, Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) Director Stephanie Childers presented the agency's grant application for fiscal year 2027 through the Alabama Department of Transportation's Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program. The commissioners approved the grant application and the local matching funds needed to keep CARTS running.

The commission also approved Resolution 2026-29 for a resurfacing and traffic striping project on County Road 222. This is part of a road project worth about $1 million, coordinated with ALDOT.

Other approved items included a $40,000 payment for ADA compliance at the Smith Lake Park Campground, a $2,600 tourism agreement for the Smith Lake Park Fourth of July Festival and a grant application for the Cullman Regional Airport.

Director Ben Harrison explained that the $279,000 grant for the airport would pay for taxiway seal coating and would need a local match of about $3,076, split between the county and city.

The commissioners also approved matching funds for a $350,000 Rebuild Alabama grant for County Road 1659.

They approved several subdivision requests, tax settlement items and the county's Fiscal Year 2025 Citizen's Report.

In addition, the commission approved a request to hold a prayer vigil for Deja Miller on Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. the courthouse steps.

School board (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At its regular meeting on May 19, the Cullman City School Board approved facility upgrade bids, changes to athletic services and personnel decisions.

One of the approved bids was from Singer H&R for $152,340 for new serving lines at Cullman Middle School. Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff explained that the current cafeteria serving line is outdated and needs upgrades to help both staff and students.

"With another grant level coming, we wanted to go ahead and do that this year to make it more organized and more efficient for the workers and students," Kallhoff said.

The board also took time to recognize Child Nutrition Program employees at the meeting, and later shared a photo of the staff on its social media pages, saying, "The Child Nutrition Program Employees were recognized in the May board meeting. The 5 CNP programs are on track to serve nearly 344,000 meals for the 25/26 school year. To put this in perspective, that is almost 3 times as many meals as the average Waffle House, and Waffle House is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. CNP Director Camille Wiley, CNP Operations Associate Amy Emmert, our school-based managers, and CNP employees were thanked for their leadership in feeding our students with a smile each and every day."

The board approved a $1,025M bid from Wyatt Builds, pending architecture certification, for a playground project on the Cullman Intermediate and West Elementary School campus. The new playground will have synthetic turf, a shaded area for instruction, swings, playground equipment and a small turf field for activities. Kallhoff said the area, called the "Smith Center," will be fenced and should be finished before the new school year begins in August.

The board approved a $447,900 bid from Blalock Building Company, Inc., pending architecture certification, for renovation of the sixth-grade wing at Cullman Middle School. The updates will include new flooring, paint, cabinets, doors, ceiling tiles, lighting and classroom furniture in the original building behind the newer additions.

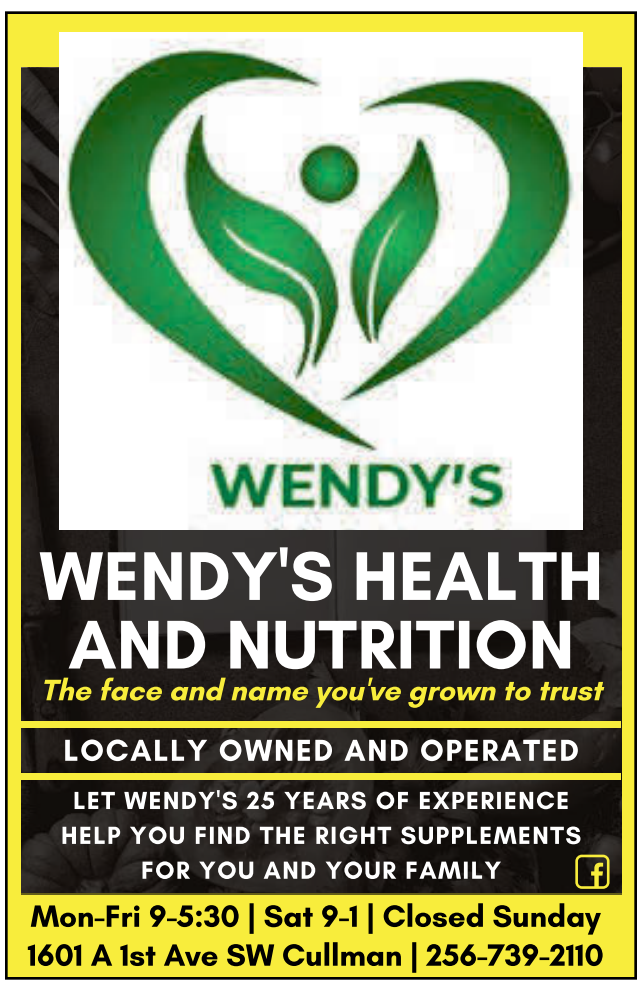
The board approved a new contract with Baptist Health to provide athletic training services. Kallhoff said Baptist Health will supply athletic trainers for school sports and activities, taking over from the previous provider.

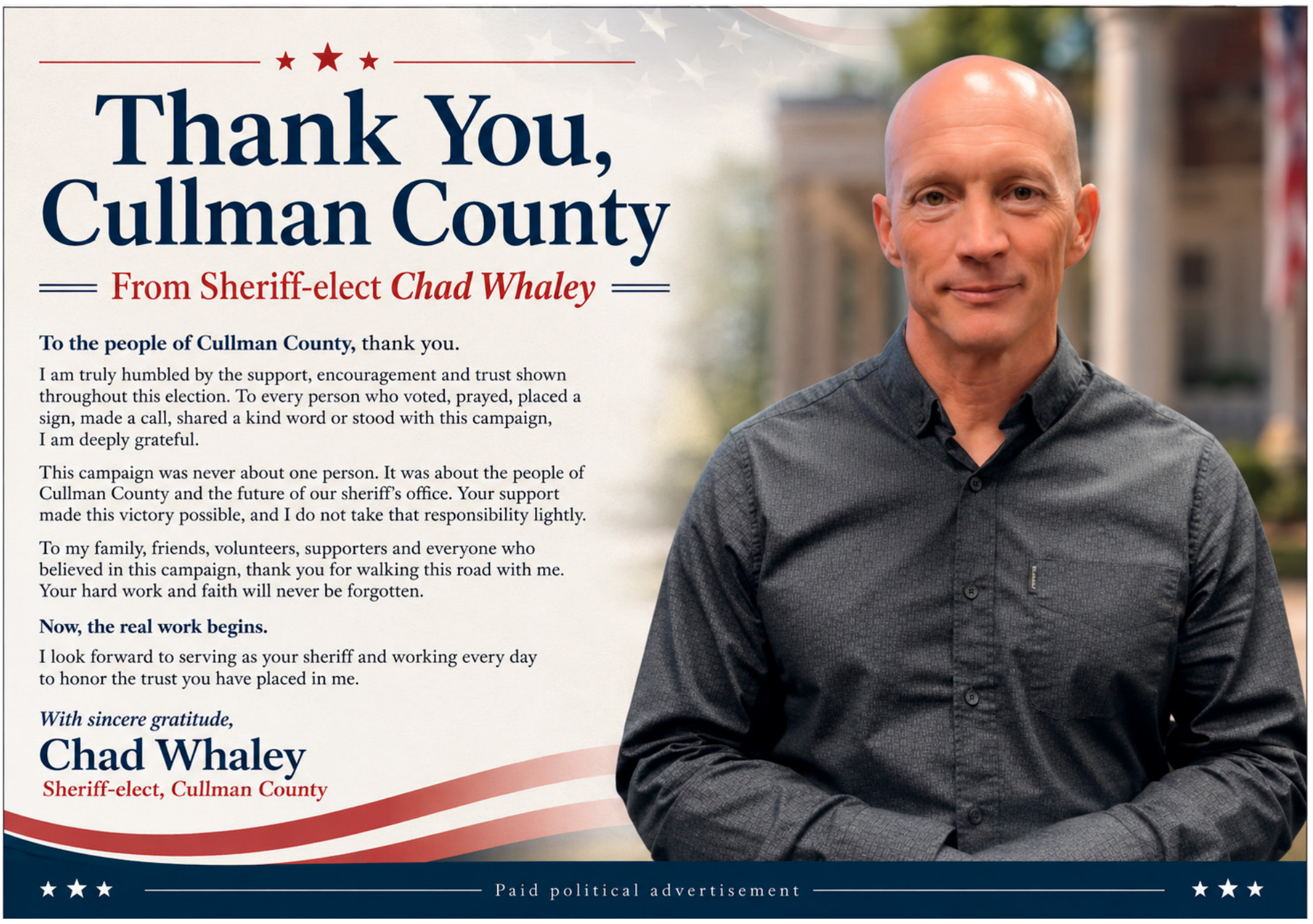
Courtney Speciale was officially hired as the assistant principal at East Elementary School for the 2025/2026 school year.

The next Cullman City School Board meeting will take place Tuesday, June 16, at 8:30 a.m. at the central office.





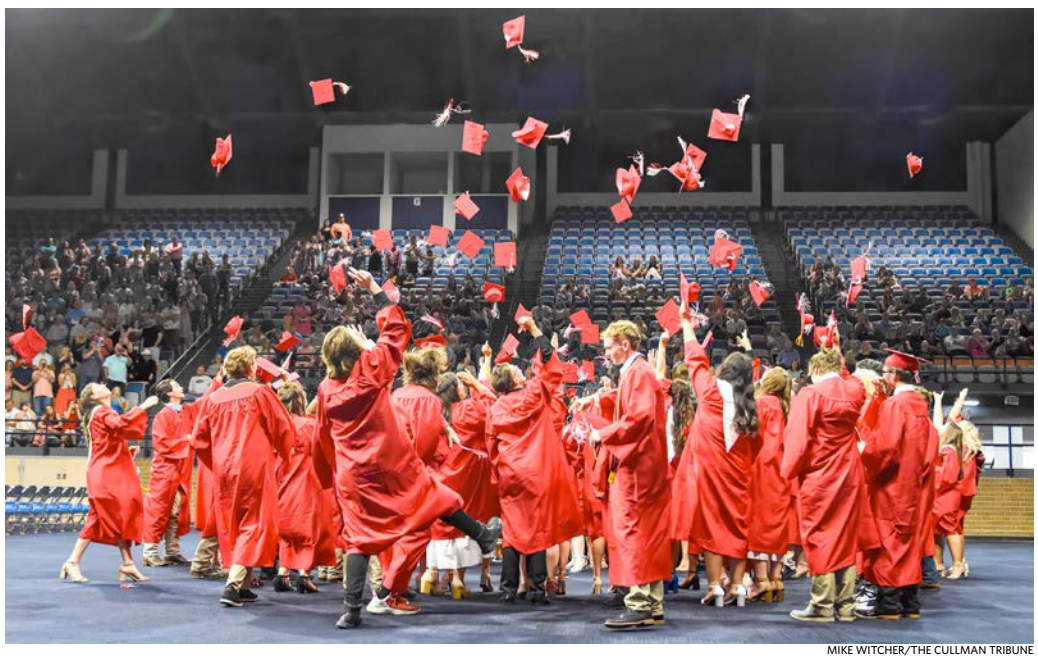




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PREP SOFTBALL

After round one win, Hanceville's historic season ends with two losses at State Tournament

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OXFORD, Ala. — After securing their first ever region title, the Hanceville Bulldogs traveled to Oxford's Choccolocco Park on Thursday to play in their first State Tournament. The Bulldogs were missing one of their most dynamic players after Bentley Childers suffered a season ending ACL tear, but they started strong with a first round win over T.R. Miller. Despite all around great pitching, Hanceville's lack of offensive output, plus self-inflicted errors, lead to two losses that ended the Bulldogs' season.

ROUND ONE
Hanceville 1, T.R. Miller 0

In a game that went against expectations in terms of offensive output from both teams, the Lady Bulldogs needed just one score to get past the Tigers.

The defining play came in the bottom of the third after Kynzlee Farr knocked a two-out triple to deep center.

On the first pitch she saw, Peyton Mariano snuck a grounder through the infield, sending Farr home and making it 1-0, Hanceville.

For most teams, one score would be insufficient run support, but with KK Butler on the mound, the Bulldogs were just fine. Still riding a hot streak from regionals, Butler was ice cold, and allowed just two hits and three walks over seven innings while striking out five Tigers.

ROUND TWO
Colbert County 8, Hanceville 0

In round two, a Hanceville offense needing to find its legs again ran into a defensive buzzsaw. Colbert County, the number one ranked 3A team, features one of the top pitchers in the state in UNA-commit Makayli Davis.

Davis was nearly un-hittable, only giving up one hit in an incredible 20 strikeout complete game shutout.

On the mound for Hanceville in game two, Isabella Spinks flashed in moments and only gave up one earned run while striking out seven batters.

On top of a lack of offense, eight total defensive errors allowed the other seven runs to score, further hurting the Bulldogs.

ELIMINATION BRACKET
ROUND TWO
Madison Academy 4, Hanceville 0

The Lady Bulldogs' third game of the day was an old school pitcher's duel. Butler took the mound again for Hanceville, completing the game with just three hits allowed and zero earned runs while striking out three.

Two scores came early, with an infield error allowing the Mustangs' Adelaine Pressley to score, then another error in the third let Evie Stephenson touch home on a fly ball. In the final frame, the other two came on yet another error, with a dropped grounder allowing one, then an errant throw allowing the final runner to cross.

Pitching a gem for Madison Academy, Cataryna Schreiber threw a complete shutout, only giving up two hits while striking out 12.

Once again, Hanceville's lack of offense was killer, and the Bulldogs' historic season that saw them win their area and come out of regionals for the first time in school history, came to an end.

In Kim Lewis' first year at the helm, Hanceville went 22-18-1 and should return underclassmen Kynzlee Farr, Peyton Mariano, KK Butler and Laila Lewis along with juniors Isabella Spinks and Piper Butts. The future of Hanceville softball has never been brighter.



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Hanceville's Kynzlee Farr sliding into second during the Bulldogs' first round matchup with T.R. Miller.

CPRST Summer Women's Softball League starts in June

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) Summer Women's Softball League kicks off Monday nights in June at Heritage Park.

CPRST Athletic Director Ashley Morton said they are excited to bring women's softball back to Heritage Park this summer and create an opportunity for teams to compete, connect and enjoy the game. The last time the league was in play was in 2023.

"We are offering the Summer Women's League Softball program again because it is something we are really excited for because it's been missed in our community," Morton said.

"Sports have always been such an important part of Cullman, and we want to continue creating opportunities for people to get involved, stay active and feel connected.

"Seeing this league return is exciting because it's another step toward growing local sports and bringing back programs that people truly care about."

Games will take place on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. They will have a regular season game format on Monday nights followed by a single-elimination tournament on Tuesday nights. "Don't forget your Classic W softballs," said CPRST.

The cost is $450/team with a four-team minimum. Teams will play six weeks. Registration is open now and will close on June 11, and games will start the following Monday.

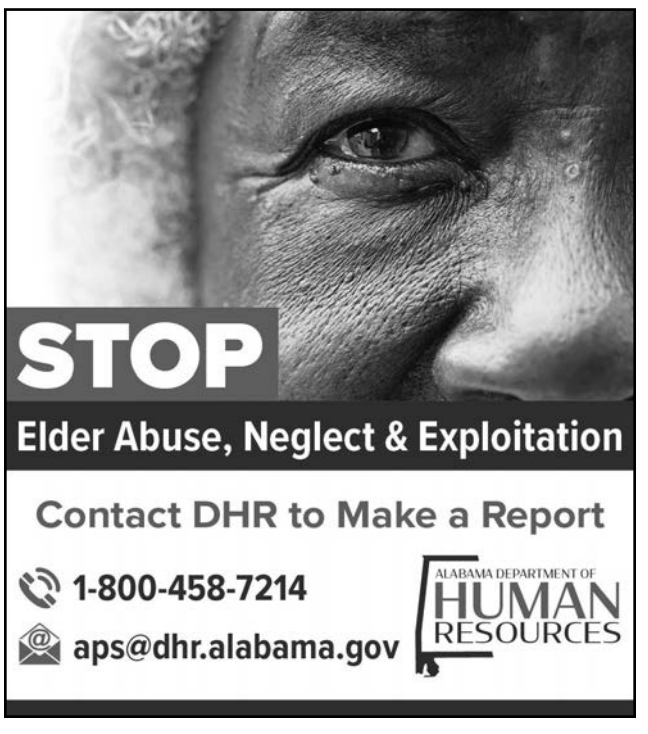
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Senior Fishing Day held indoors due to storms

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Residents came together at the Hanceville Civic Center on Friday, May 22, for the annual Senior Fishing Day. The event, organized by the Cullman County Commission on Aging, the City of Hanceville and Hanceville Parks and Recreation, was meant to be an outdoor fishing competition at Veterans Memorial Park, but stormy weather forced it indoors. Even with the change, organizers said seniors still had a great time with food, fellowship and games.

"We were worried about the weather, so our plan was to move the celebration inside and play bingo," said Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson. "They've been good sports with us. It's important that we keep everyone safe above all else."

Lawson said Senior Fishing Day has been a tradition in Hanceville for many years, starting before she became director over five years ago. She explained that it is a team effort between the city and the Commission on Aging and has lasted a long time.

Since the fishing portion of the day was canceled, organizers quickly changed the schedule to include bingo, dancing and lunch inside the civic center.

Seniors enjoyed hamburgers for lunch, which was sponsored by Peoples Bank of Alabama and Cullman County Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain. Lawson said she was happy to see so many people attend, even with the rain.

She explained that events like Senior Fishing Day matter because they give older adults a chance to socialize, have fun and feel connected to the community. "Obviously our fishing day is about getting them outside," Lawson said.

"But even when we can't get outdoors, just coming together inside and doing what we can to be together helps our mental health and gives everyone a chance to fellowship and have fun."



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The annual Senior Fishing Day was moved inside the Hanceville Civic Center on Friday, May 22, 2026.

Obituary Announcements: May 21-22

Claudette Murphree, 84
Claudette Murphree, age 84, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully in her sleep on May 18, 2026, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Claudette loved her family, her little dog Chloe and Alabama football. She was born Sept. 7, 1941, to Jesse Edward Turner and Susie Loucindy Phillips Brown. She was preceded in death by her father, Jesse Edward Turner; mother, Susie Loucindy Brown; brother, James D. Turner and sister, Susan Alley. Survivors include her daughters, Kathy Murphree StJohn and Sherry Murphree Beagle; grandchildren, John Touchette, Jordan Rounds, Rachel Kutch and Adam Kutch; great grandchildren, Damon, Oliver, Isaac, and Hunter; sisters, Elaine Willingham (Dan) and Dawn Cook (Johnny) and her lifetime best friend, Patty Lombardo. A private family memorial will be held at a later date.

Jeffrey "Jeff" D. Adair, 77
Jeffrey "Jeff" D. Adair, age 77 of Cullman, passed away on Monday, May 18, 2026, at UAB/University of Alabama Hospital. He was born July 19, 1948, to J. F. Adair and Phyllis Winkleman Adair. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his loving wife, Janell Golden Adair; sons, Sean Adair (Andrea), Bryan Adair, and Kelly Adair (Kim); seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brother, Keith Adair (Rose). Jeff was a wonderful husband, dad, and granddad and loved his family deeply. He was loved by everyone who knew him because he was a kind, selfless man, always helping others every chance he had. He had a great sense of humor and wit and always knew how to make everyone laugh. He was a faithful member of St. John's church. He loved his church family and always enjoyed their fellowship. Jeff was a special person and will be missed deeply by those who knew and loved him.

Dianne Marie Scavarda, 68
A Graveside Service for Dianne Marie Scavarda, age 68 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Scavarda passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at her residence. She was born June 25, 1957, Donald Daley and Catherine Schultz Daley. Today was a devastating day for my family. Heaven gained yet another angel out of our bunch. Our mom, "Nana", lost her battle with the recovery from a broken hip. Sounds crazy, but you'd be surprised how often it happens. After weeks of declination in strength and balance, she suffered a neurological complication leaving her unable to speak and with almost complete loss of motor function. She drew her last breath at 2:07 pm. Mom was an angel in life so I'm sure she'll get her wings quickly on the other side. Whether you knew her as family, from work, as a substitute teacher, softball coach, basketball fan, or additional mom figure, you were blessed to be in her circle. She will be privately cremated then join our dad at a later date followed by a celebration of life. We ask that in lieu of flowers you make a donation to your local animal shelter or suicide prevention foundation. Thank you in advance for the kind words, prayers and condolences. - Cathy Spicer She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Michael Richard Scavarda; grandchild, Nathaniel Spicer; son-in-law, Daniel Spicer; brother, Tom Daley; sister, Sandra Gesky; brother-in-law, August Hibel. Survivors include her daughters, Catherine Spicer, Linda Royce (Scott), Elizabeth Scavarda (Brian) and fur daughter, Molasses; grandchild, Noah Spicer; grand dogs, Snickers, Red, Atlas, Chi and Twyla; sister, Suzanne Hibel; brothers, Joe Daley, Don Daley, Bill Daley and Bob Daley and a host of nieces, nephews, family & friends.

Tony Lee Murphree, 60
Funeral services for Tony Lee Murphree, 60, of Hanceville were 2 p.m. Friday, May 22, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed the service at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation was prior to the service from noon-2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Murphree was born April 15, 1966, in Blount County, Alabama to Herman & Wanda Murphree. He passed away May 20, 2026, in Cullman County, Alabama. Mr. Murphree is survived by his mother, Wanda Owens; sisters, Vicky Taylor (Troy), Debbie Coleman; nephews, Austin Riddle, Levi Brock (Kimberly); and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Mr. Murphree was preceded in death by his father, Herman Murphree; grandparents, Olen and Irene Swann. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Murphree family.

Marvin Lee Stewart, 65
Visitation for Marvin Lee Stewart, 65, of Bremen will be Saturday, May 23, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Sandlin Chapel. Mr. Stewart was born April 2, 1961, in Michigan to the late Marvin and Barbara Stewart. He passed away May 18, 2026, in Crane Hill, Alabama. Mr. Stewart is survived by his children, Jimmy Stewart, Roy Stewart (Meghan Hunt), Faye Stewart; grandchildren, Kenneth Stewart (Hailey), Katelyn Stewart, Kendall Jones, La'Charles Hagler, Amelia Hagler, Aiden Stewart, Noah Stewart, Lillie Stewart; siblings, Kathy Profitt (Neal), Pearl Pickett, Judy Lay (Sherrill); and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Stewart was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin & Barbara Stewart, and his brother, Randall Stewart. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stewart family.

James Blalock, Jr., 77
James Blalock Jr., age 77, passed on May 17, 2026, and was a resident of Gardendale, Alabama. A Celebration of Life will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 2nd Ave North West, Cullman, AL 35055, on May 22, 2026, from 1-2 p.m.

Rowland Shirley Heatherly, 70
Rowland Shirley Heatherly, age 70 of Moody, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home May 18, 2026. Born to Shirley and Ruth Heatherly on May 30, 1955, at Fort Sill Army Base in Lawton, Oklahoma. Rowland is survived by the love of his life, Judy Ray Heatherly and he would tell everyone that Judy changed his life forever. In his words, "The best thing that ever happened to him." Surviving is his daughter, Kim White. Son, Nicholas Heatherly. Grandchildren, Carlee Hamer (Dylan) and Malea James. His brother Kelvin Heatherly (Robin) and sisters Ann Heatherly Mayo (Albert), Donna Heatherly McClusky (Joe). Aunts, Laura Hitt (Al), Carolyn Davis, Betty Heatherly, Brenda Heatherly, and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceded in death by his father and mother, Shirley and Ruth Heatherly. Father-in-law and mother-in-law Sterling and Bertie Ray, brother Bryon Heatherly, son Michael James, son-in-law Wade White, and niece Jamie Burnett. Early in Rowland's life he enjoyed riding, training, and showing horses. Later in life he became an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed gardening. Those around Rowland could always count on his abundant generosity when his tomato plants began blooming. Rowland loved Alabama football almost as much as he loved playfully picking at his grandkids, nieces, and nephews. He worked hard all his life starting at a young age on the farm. Rowland always provided for his family and if he ever saw a need he would be the first to give and take up money for the cause. Rowland most recently provided funds to the South Side Baptist Church Food Bank. Early in his career he worked as an electrician, coal truck driver and retired out of the Operating Engineer Union. Rowland fought gallantly against a debilitating disease. He went home Monday morning to be with loved ones who passed before him. He is at peace and resting with Our Lord now. Visitation for Rowland Heatherly was Friday, May 22, 2026, at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama, beginning at 1 p.m. with services following at 3 p.m. Burial was at Johnson Grove Cemetery in Bremen, Alabama.

James Randall Smith, Sr., 66
Funeral Service for James Randall Smith, Sr., age 66 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Brad Brannon officiating; Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Smith passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at his residence. He was born Saturday, Feb. 27, 1960, to Glenn Smith and Lucille Thomas Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandchild, Mia Brown; brothers, Timothy Smith and Tracy Smith. Survivors include his wife, Debra Smith; sons, Tim (Christy) Smith, Steven (Patience) Smith, James Smith, Adam (Summer) Brown; grandchildren, Miranda, Julia, Kendra, Brendan, Christain, Diesel, Randylee and Carson; sisters, Linda Dillingham and Lisa (Chuck) Brown and brother, Tony Smith.

Donald Lee Hunter, 77
Graveside service for Donald Lee Hunter will be Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Donald Lee Hunter passed away at UAB in Birmingham on May 21, 2026, following a short term of heart problems and T-LGL Large Granular Lymphocytic Leukemia. He was born November 14, 1948 to the parents of Claudie MHunter and Carolyn Spradlin Hunter. He is survived by his wife, Linda Tyree Hunter, daughters Bama H Turner (Bryan) and Carla H Rye. grandsons: Noah Stricklin (Alexandria), Austin Stricklin (Brianna), David G. Turner and Alex L. Turner, sister, Kathy Hunter Byrd (Freddie), nephews and nieces. Predeceased by: parents, sister, Wanda Hunter Linker (Mike), brother Robert M Hunter. Don lived a good long life of love for his family, work and retirement. He was an appliance repairman for Luyben and Boike Appliance for 53 years and retired the year the store closed. He loved to watch the Atlanta Braves, play Angry Birds, fixt hings that are broken or not working and helping others. In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Link or Curt's Closet.

Tracy William Thompson, 60
Memorial Service for Tracy William Thompson, age 60 of Vinemont, will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Thompson passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at his residence. He was born Sept. 18, 1965, to Cranford Thompson and Gail Thompson. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Robin Bagwell and father-in-law, Eugene Watwood. Survivors include his wife, Meredith Thompson; daughters, Madison Thompson and Nikki White (Hunter); son, Colton Gardner (Christa); mother-in-law, Shirley Watwood; grandchildren, Tynzlee White, Acksten White, Harlee White, Clara Gardner and Conrad Gardner and a host of family and friends. Tracy William Thompson went to be with the Lord on May 21, 2026. He was a loving and devoted husband and father. He was a very loving poppy and enjoyed trying to watch all of his grandkids conquer the world. He was a devoted police officer if anyone knew of him mostly it was because they met him thought being a police officer. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed by everyone. While Tracy was on this earth he conquered so much to be proud of. He had a daughter Madison Thompson that meant the world to him. He also had two stepchildren, Kristin "Nikki" White and Colton Gardner he gained from his wife Meredith Thompson that he would move mountains for. --We would like to ask everyone to remember the funny and beautiful soul of Tracy Thompson and to continue to pray for family and friends.

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Wallace State announces spring 2026 honors lists

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College congratulates the 745 students who were named to the President's List and Dean's List for the spring 2026 semester. To earn a spot on the Wallace State President's List, students must maintain a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester while taking a course load of 12 credit hours or more. Placement on the Dean's List is awarded to students who maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher while also taking a course load of at least 12 hours.

"Congratulations to students who have earned a place on the President's List and Dean's List," said Kristen Holmes, vice president for students. "This achievement reflects your hard work and commitment to academic excellence. We are proud of what you've accomplished and encourage you to continuing striving toward your goals. Your success is an inspiration to the entire Wallace State community."

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- Mobile: Elizabeth Howell Olander
- Montgomery: Latasha Nicole Bennett
- Moody: Briley Yates Pilkington
- Morris: Leah Graves
- Moulton: Alliana Bess Chenault, Dylan Chase Hitt, Sarah Elizabeth Jones, Sydney Nichole West
- Muscle Shoals: Samuel Conner McCrary, Kameryah D. Taylor
- Nauvoo: Robert Ebey
- New Hope: Charles Douglas Harbin
- New Market: Anna Michelle Wynn
- Odenville: Anna C. Nelson, Marlana Grace Reeves
- Oneonta: Joshua Gabriel Arreguin, Kelsey Jordan Bazzano, Juan Blanco, Anna Marie Brothers, Dawn Elizabeth Calvert, Gavin J. Carroll, Cristal Cervantes Zamora, Fernanda Chavez, Lyla Cleveland, Britney Espinoza, Jian Ferrill, Cory Addison Glasscock, Gavin E. Green, Benjamin Alan Martin, Riley Murphree, Elijah Micheal Stevens, Tori Grace Tekulve, Maria Zavala Gonzalez
- Owens Cross Roads: Jax Karl Bartlett
- Pelham: Saul Saucedo
- Pike Road: Channing Marie Coleman
- Pinson: Connor Garrett
- Rainsville: Marisa Paige Hiett, Hannah Faith Traylor
- Remlap: Jackson Scott Hickman
- Somerville: Carly Jade Goree, Cade Nathaniel Mims, Rachel Mae Payne
- Steele: Yadhira Reyes Lopez
- Toney: Lilly Grace Goode, Molly Elizabeth Goode
- Trafford: Kaitlyn B. Allegood, Anna Sheree Haynes
- Trussville: Jakiria Monay Jordan, Maleah Mitchell
- Union Grove: Kyle Cosentino Blomgren, Esmeralda Bullard
- Vinemont: Annaliese Victoria Dunn, Pamela Gonzalez, Jacob Wyatt Hale, James Maverick Johnson, Nicholas Meherg, Madison Dion Standifer
- Warrior: Kiley Mckenzie Cochran, Hannah Dillard, Sarah Claire Hutchinson, Sadie Reese Lee, Michael Cole Rasbury, Tucker Carl Rickman, Leah Brooke Suominen
- Winfield: Charlee Aldridge, Kady-Grace Sawyer Eads
- Cumming, Ga.: Aiden Owen Boileau
- Dawsonville, Ga.: Jacson Mitchell Rickett
- Rossville, Ga.: Gracelyn Brooke Peterson
- Lawrenceburg, Ind.: Max R. Hotze
- Fort Thomas, Ky.: Eden Rose Brumer
- Dexter, Mo.: Alyssa Rachelle Warren
- Belden, Miss.: Brookelyn Alise Morgan
- Pontotoc, Miss.: Morgan Gunter
- Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Kaisei Skylar Abram, Shishio Ayden Abram
- Victoria, Australia: Gus Maibaum
- Valparaiso, Chile: Matias Ignacio Vargas
- Vester Skerninge, Denmark: Alexander Grube Andersen
- Pretoria, South Africa: Francois Andries Van Wyk

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- Addison: Lauryn Michael Cunningham, Amber Mckenzie Powell, Bailey Grace Womack
- Alabaster: Hanna Catherine Sheffield, Karma Wynn, Jonathon Hayden Young
- Albertville: Trevor Chase Alexander, Alejandro Gonzalez Gamez, David Jimenez, Leonardo Moreno-García, Ruby Perez Arriaga, Jesus M. Tomas-Juan
- Allgood: Abigail Joyce Marie Keener
- Altoona: Jacob Lonnie Chaviers, Riley Nicole Tuck
- Andalusia: Sarah Ashlyn Kilpatrick
- Arab: Caleb Joseph Bailey, Stevie Laine Clanton, Lizzie Elisa Anne Creel, Ashley Frazier Cunningham, Rylee Enochs, Elijah Cole Hammick, Wyatt Lamar, Jacob Caden Matthews, Brynn McCain, William Evan O'Brien, Allison Brooke Ryan, Shelbie Faith Sloat, Hayden Brea Vandergriff
- Arley: Kortni Faith Baker
- Ashville: Abby Danielle Merchant
- Athens: Mary Grace Hill, Carolyn Isabel Powell, Abigail Faye Stumbaugh
- Attalla: Gabriel Arevalo Castro
- Baileyton: Morgan Elizabeth Bartlett, Tabitha Joy Perkins, John Thomas White
- Bessemer: Matthew Ethan Chalkley, Leslie Diego-Marin, Logan Jordan, Elizabeth Sanchez Pineda, Shyera Trinae Westbrook
- Birmingham: Liliokolany Rosey Augustine, Gaberialle M. Bell, Annie Kay Cheatwood, Sadie Elizabeth Fallin, Bryan Isaac Hampton, Emilee Marye Hurst, Makayla Grace Mount, Kaniyah Dene Perkins, Kameron Elise Sanders, Taylor Vaughn Smith
- Blountsville: Amber Nichole Barbee, Breanna Denise Bonner, Kassie Alexandra Bradley, Ximena Cartagena Mejia, Malachi Jeremiah Chamblee, Lydia Madison Chappell, Rivakah Cook, Edward Daniel Heredia Flores, Laci Kate Ivey, Tatum Mayfield, Isaac Cale Murphree, Micah Dylan Olberding, Amelia Kay Pamplin, John Carl Pullins, Lily Katherine Wilson
- Boaz: Marisela Ramirez Custodio, Zoie Renae Pell, Sloan Elizabeth Rodriguez
- Bremen: Lacy Lynn Twilley, Joshua Cain Winfrey
- Carbon Hill: Adrian L. Herold
- Cedar Bluff: Avery Shane Guice
- Cleveland: Josiah Nolen Hixon, Rebeca Mendoza, Josie Roddam, Mary Claire Roddam
- Columbiana: Jacob Eugene Massey
- Cordova: Mason James Bonner, Emery Grace Hester, Katrina Suzanne Thompson
- Crane Hill: Maximilian Fritz Bavar, Reid Thomas Bissot, Kylee Broadley, Ciara Ruth Calvert, Jason Zeth McCain, Kimberly Michelle Overton, Keith Thomas Schoettler
- Crossville: Johnny Felipe Domingo, Erik Rios Perez, Luis Ricardo Perez Ramos
- Cullman: Guillermo Alday, Kyndall Anderson, Samantha Arbet, Ryan Lee Arnold, Ashley Nicole Barker, Oscar Bell, Eric Draven Brand, Keith Paul Brewer, Maci Lynn Brown, Evan R. Cherry, Brodie Cobbs, Alaina Grace Cody, Lanie Lashae Cornelius, Samantha Cortes, Ashlyn Johanna Danecker, Aubree Mayson Dees, Ryan Seth Dill, Reagan Elizabeth Dunkin, Yadira Echeverria Flores, Colton Michael David Echols, Seth Fendley, Richard Dee Gann, Ava Marie Gantt, Kaden Troy Gay, Alexis Kendall Golden, Anna-Catherine Lynn Henderson, Steven Herrera, Brodie Daniel James Hickok, Blake Richard Davis Howard, Zach John Hudson, Hannah Lynn Johnson, Taylor Caitlin Jones, Jacob Jorgensen, Levi Brayden Kelso, Emma Laura-Grace Kimbril, Ann Marie Janace Land, Jessica Jade Lewis-Kilgo, Austin Elijah Marsh, Nathan James Marta, Wilfred Thomas McCollum, Noah Xavier Mendez, Savannah Nikole Miller, Noël Montgomery, Samantha Grace Muse, Alexander Najera, Tatum Lee Nixon, Cooper Ogstad, Mitchell Claire Olvey, Isaiah Blaise Ortiz, Michael Edward Ostberg, Ella Abigail Payne, John Kobe Payne, Emery Lauren Peed, Mitchell Perez, Daniel Preaston Powers, Lillie Raburn, Jestin Brady-Wayne Randolph, McKenzie Chante Roberson, Jesus Rodriguez, Elena Saldana Orona, Jaydon Rush Sandlin, Kevin Schmale, Julian Steve Skinner, Jaeden Grace Smith, Logan Smith, Christina Louise Stricklin, Quinn Lafayette Teichmiller, Jessica Madison Thiot, Emma Thompson, Elizabeth Trimble, Amy Turner, Lexie Tamara Venancio, Ethan Fox Westall, Johanna Faith Wisener
- Danville: Charlie Brom Jones, Eli Jonathan Proctor
- Decatur: Cameron Alyssa Coulter, Madison Hope Hanson, Logan Ortega-Ramos, Nadia Katerina Paradise, Kristal Serafin
- Dora: John Michael Lee, Addisen Marie Long
- Double Springs: Jessie Cheyenne Lindsey
- Eastaboga: Ashlyn Kate Burns
- Eldridge: Angel Rose Morrow
- Empire: Justin David Blackmon, Timothy Parker Givens
- Falkville: Patience Alaina Hand, Lynsley Hayes, Torri Lashay McNutt, Dawson White
- Flat Rock: Lillian Alena Evans
- Florence: Kaylie Carter, Jullian Martinez King, Krista Nevaeh Loya, Tyrekia Ashton Pride
- Fort Payne: Annlee Olivia Tate
- Gadsden: Christopher R. Conley, James Daren Cordell, Payton Alexis Ridley, Lily Victoria Thompson
- Gardendale: Guillermo De La Cruz, Alena Rhea Joiner
- Grove Hill: Cooper Lee Clemmons
- Gulf Shores: Stuart Sanders, Sofiia Sobol
- Guntersville: Heaven Lashea Banister, Emma Kate Battles, Jackson David Conrad, Emily Jordan Frazier, William Ray Palmer, Eunice Wambura
- Hamilton: Gracelyn Faith Langley
- Hanceville: Jaretzy Abad, Eduardo David Amador Fraide, Cameron Blair Baty, Artur Beifuss, Amberly Madelyn Brown, Kimberly Chavez, Cheryl Lynn Gill, Isaac William Graves, Alayna Jade Hattaway, Riley Cade Henson, Aliceann Kontogeorge, Mcklellah Everett Mason, Alyssa Kaye McClendon, Jackson Alexander Palma, Zoe Dreama Pitts, Diana Paola Rodriguez, Matti Stocker, Kelsey Madison Styles, Margaret Leigh Williams
- Hartselle: Johnathan Reece Dale Dilbeck, Brylie Leshay Galbreath, Grant Harbison, Hollyn Alaina Harden, Zoe Isabella Hitt, Tyler Ray Moore, Halle Reece Ransom
- Harvest: Charles Gross
- Hayden: Madelynn Grace Childers, Kylie Hope Everett, Kinsley Fate Marsh, Kalee Nicole Sanders
- Hazel Green: Bryleigh Michelle Holman
- Holly Pond: Halie Louise Blevins, Tessa Jones, Zachary Allen Kelley, Isabella Maria Lopez, Derrek Ross Nelson
- Hoover: Cade James Greer, Alexis Segars Pate
- Horton: Alison Alexandra Gonzalez, Perla Cesilia Solis
- Houston: Gary Joseph Brown, Lexii Jo Cavnar
- Hueytown: Jayla Ciara King
- Huntsville: Bethany Amber Abbott, Chaney Jayce Edstrom, Teagen Paige Harmon, Caitlyn Renea Jenkins, Olivia Michelle Mack, Stefanie Ann Price, Sarah Faith Smith, Christopher Raphal Townsel
- Jacksonville: Zachary Leon Howard
- Jasper: Kevin Conner Elmore, Annabelle Reynolds McAdams, Callie Rachel Ann Stewart
- Joppa: Gannon Rhett Black, Makenzie Nicole Latham, Perla Dayana Pesina, William Henry Stidham
- Kimberly: Ethan Cole Jones, Daniel Nevin Mattiace
- Lincoln: Kedrick Tamauze Carmichael, William J. Wiggins
- Locust Fork: Jillian Noelle Rush, Kaitlin E. Sanders
- Logan: Jacob Graham, Nicholas Parker Grant
- Loxley: Vanessa Michelle Jordan
- Madison: Brian Lamar Booth, Tiffany Parker Dillard, Casie Nicole Ketchner, Makayla Noelle Marshall
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- Midland City: Garrison Lyndon Pratt
- Monroeville: Cara Grace Qualls
- Montgomery: Miriam Ella Head
- Morris: Bryce David Funderburk, Kynsey Register, Samuel Sansing, Beckham Cole Smith, Sage Alexander Wooten
- Moulton: Jo-Anna Lynn Phillips
- Mount Hope: Brianna Nicole Abbott
- Mount Olive: Bailey Rae Snow, Kenley Vaughn
- Muscle Shoals: Blakelyn Austin
- Nauvoo: Alexander Keegan Lathum, Sarah Elizabeth Schniper
- New Hope: Zachary Blake Lee
- Northport: Kenzie Grace Wilson
- Odenville: Amber Lavoe Clark, Guadalupe Garcia-Gonzalez, Nickolas Harris
- Oneonta: Laura Alexandra Arriaga-Camarillo, Britlyn Danielle Bryson, Kristy Cervantes, Dana Paola Cervantes Zamora, Jackson Grant Dempsey, Mary Elizabeth Dudley, Eric S. Eisenberg, Jimena Espinoza, Stephen Samual Faucett, Keith Zhufu Ferrill, Drake Foster, Eduardo Steven Gonzalez, Kayla Lacks Harless, Erika Hernandez, Teigan Myer Hill, Elizabeth Marie Holloway, Jon Thomas Hyde, Kara Kyle, Hannah Rebekah Longshore, Jenifer Lopez-Santiago, Kayla Michelle McCay, Taryn Alexis McCay, Lofton Reed Morphis, Reid Murphree, Diya Patel, Nichelle Shoebridge, Beau Andrew Stamps, Jennifer Lee Thomas
- Owens Cross Roads: Benjamin Thomas Brown, Brody Elias King, Cayme Renee Yeager-Brewer
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- Phil Campbell: Bethany Rayne Patterson, Giselle Mauro Torres
- Pinson: Benjamin Johnson
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- Rockford: Caroline Reese Thornton
- Rogersville: Allfrey Lee Angus
- Scottsboro: Jameson Allen
- Somerville: Ashlyn Mckenzie Bates, Yasmine Esperanza Herrera, Bradley Kyle Johnson
- Southside: Claire Elizabeth Dunston
- Springville: Elliot Reese Denard, Samuel Noah Hauk, Madison Michelle Higgins, Garret A. Hill, Amanda Gayle Parker
- Sylvania: Gabriela Rose Green
- Town Creek: Dylan Conner Demellier
- Townley: Lynlee Ann Ferguson
- Trafford: Lori Nix
- Trinity: Matthew Christopher LouAllen, Jaelynn Briana Stephenson
- Trussville: Kellyn Cooper Cox, Kaymen Avery Kendrick
- Tuscumbia: Chloe Elizabeth McLeary
- Union Grove: Ella Claire Gibbs, Olivia Shea Smith
- Vinemont: Jon Edward Bridges, Emily Grace Coats, Nolan James Dyer, Jackson Flanigan, Emily Sara Hayes Trahan, Colton Reed Jennings, Joshua Law Johnson, Emily Michelle Lemus, Evelyn Olivia Lynn, Ashton Cade McLeskey, Kolten Blaze Perry, Ethan Anthony Rabren, Carson Barrett Reynolds, Kylan Brady Richards, Austin Michael Rockwell, Macijo Lynn Simpson, Hannah Grace Veres, Nicholas Waddell, Ethan Aaron Warren, John Nathaniel Williams
- Warrior: Joel Deroos, Madison Claire Gibbs, Cairi Grace Holt, Jacob Edward Manning, Kelsie Ann Marsee, Bryant Lee Rodgers, Lacey Amber Russell, Mary Elizabeth Schifanella
- Wilmer: Darcy Breanna Alford
- Winfield: Savannah Grace Crane
- Destin, Fla.: Ava Louise Smith
- Tampa, Fla.: Nikith Surapaneni
- Alpharetta, Ga.: Devan Rush, Jaeden K. Rush
- Marietta, Ga.: Jada Peterson
- Rome, Ga.: Alexander Hernandez
- Sellersburg, Ind.: Reese Marina Decker
- Bronx, NY: Abel De Jesus Montas
- New York, NY: Dyris Martinez
- Lawrenceburg, Tenn.: Wesley Clint Seymore
- Memphis, Tenn.: Nia Smith
- Winchester, Tenn.: Samuel Vincent
- Amarillo, Texas: Camdyn C. Clifton
- The Woodlands, Texas: Alexandra Louise Tatum
- Gig Harbor, Wash.: Trey James Knight
- Nassau, New Providence: Camden James Lamark Cartwright
- Pretoria, South Africa: Jean Andre Badenhorst

FAITH

St. Paul's Lutheran Church to welcome Vicar Daniel Johnson

Staff Reports
Contributor

St. Paul's recently announced:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cullman will welcome Vicar Daniel Johnson and his wife, Cecily, to our church family through Concordia Seminary, St. Louis's vicarage program.

Vicar Johnson is currently completing his studies at Concordia Seminary and looks forward to growing in pastoral ministry through preaching, teaching, visitation and serving alongside our congregation.

Originally from a Lutheran family with deep roots in church music and education, Daniel studied music performance before returning to the Church and ultimately pursuing pastoral ministry.

Cecily, who grew up in southern Illinois in a large Lutheran family, is also deeply involved in Lutheran education and music, having taught both choral music and early childhood education.

Together, they enjoy hiking, cooking, reading, arts and crafts, traveling and exploring new cuisines.

Most importantly, they are eager to become part of the life and ministry of St. Paul's.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Vicar Daniel and Cecily Johnson to St. Paul's. We pray God's richest blessings upon their time with us and look forward to the many ways they will serve and grow alongside our congregation.



ST. PAUL'S

Vicar Daniel Johnson and his wife, Cecily

FAITH

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School welcomes Director of Parish Music Olivia Thoelke

Staff Reports
Contributor

St. Paul's recently announced:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School welcomes Director of Parish Music Olivia Thoelke.

A recent graduate of Concordia University Irvine, Olivia has been deeply involved in both music and campus life throughout her time there. Her experience includes performing with the Concordia Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Handbells and several chamber ensembles.

Through these opportunities, she traveled extensively and recently performed at Carnegie Hall as principal cellist during a tour in New York City.

Her passion for worship and church music also led her to serve as chapel coordinator and evening prayer coordinator, where she helped establish Evening Prayer as an official campus worship opportunity, introducing students to liturgical evening worship services.

Olivia grew up in a musical family alongside her two sisters, and the three enjoyed playing string trios together throughout their childhood. Her family's journey through Lutheran education has taken them across the country, serving schools and congregations in Illinois, Texas and now Chicago.

Outside of music, Olivia enjoys baking, cooking, board games, card games and spending time with friends.

While cello was her first musical love, she now especially enjoys playing organ for worship and recreation. She is deeply passionate about liturgy, hymnody, theology and the beauty of Church worship.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Olivia to the St. Paul's family! We look forward to the many ways God will work through her gifts and talents in our congregation and school.



ST. PAUL'S

Olivia Thoelke

Wallace State celebrates Adult Education and Workforce graduates

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently celebrated the success of students who have earned their high school diploma, certifications and industry-recognized credentials through the college's Adult Education and Workforce Development programs.

Collectively, more than 2,100 individual industry-recognized credentials, certifications and degrees were awarded, including 69 high school diplomas, 279 Alabama Career Essentials and 817 Skills for Success certifications.

"Graduates, we congratulate you as you conclude this passage of life's journey and embark on the next," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "Continue to set your aspirations high and to be a role model to others. On whatever scale you act, you have the power to make a difference."

"While each of you may have traveled a different path to be here tonight, your accomplishments are great, and Wallace State is honored to have been a part of your journey," said Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement and innovation. "You have shown it's never too late to learn, to evolve and to pursue your dreams. You have demonstrated that learning is a lifelong journey and that with determination, we can continually grow and improve ourselves."

GED graduate Brandon Osborne was chosen as guest speaker for the ceremony.

"Brandon Osborne is a man who understands that true leadership is born out of personal transformation," Harbin said in her introduction. "For over a year, Brandon has been a vital part of the Living Free Recovery program, where his dedication didn't just change his own life — it began to inspire everyone around him."

Osborne suffered from addiction and made decisions that led to time in jail, shattered relationships with loved ones and bleak thoughts of the future.

"Even in the darkest seasons, there is still purpose," Osborne said. "There is still hope. And there is still a reason to keep moving forward.

"Education is one of the most important gifts a person can pursue," he added. "It opens doors, creates opportunities and changes entire generations. Education is more than books, grades or classrooms. It's the decision to grow, to challenge yourself and to believe that your future can be greater than your past."

Osborne plans to continue his education with plans to study business management, human behavior and social psychology.

Student success stories highlighted

As is tradition at Wallace State commencement exercises, several students were recognized for their successes during the ceremony.

Jason Miller was recognized for his "never quit" attitude. "Event when the tests were difficult and the results weren't what he hoped for on the first try, he didn't see a setback; he saw an opportunity to study harder and push further," Harbin said.

Connor Woods was recognized for his work ethic. "Even after long, physically demanding days working cattle, he remained committed to improving his future by attending GED classes in Oeonta," Harbin said. "His dedication to bettering himself, despite the challenges he faced, speaks volumes about his character."

Emily Arriaga completed the Medical Terminology certification course through Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development. "Emily views this milestone as a critical steppingstone on her journey toward a career in Health Information Technology," Harbin said.

Christian Colvin is a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) graduate who entered the program during a financially difficult time in his life. "The transformation that followed has been nothing short of a whirlwind," Harbin said. "Since completing the program and securing the position he worked so hard for, his life has shifted with remarkable speed."

Kimberly McCormick's education was interrupted while she battled cancer, missing two years of school due to her treatments. She completed her GED at Wallace State in only four weeks but continued to come to class to help her classmates.

"Kimberly has been a vital part of several of her classmates completing their GED," Harbin said. McCormick received a scholarship to Wallace State that will support her plans to earn an associate degree in horticulture, with future plans to earn a master's degree in botany.

Emmy Dodd earned a veterinary assistant certification through Skills For Success, one of five students from Hartselle High School and among the first to be offered the opportunity.

Karen Scott was recognized as the Outstanding GED Student of the Year. Scott mastered a new language as an Advanced English Language Learner and completed her GED. "Her persistence in mastering every subject...is a testament to what can be achieved with unshakeable drive," Harbin said.



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Wallace State GED graduate Brandon Osborne was chosen as guest speaker for the Adult Education and Career and Workforce Development ceremony.

Astrid Aguero was named the ELS student of the year. Aguero holds a business degree from Venezuela but strived to master the English language with the ultimate goal of opening her own business.

"She has a deep-seated passion for the care of others," Harbin said. "Her long-term dream is to combine her business expertise with her heart for service to open an assisted living facility for the elderly."

Several students were presented with special scholarships. Christopher Lane Kilgo and Maykel Morffi were presented with Oden Family Scholarship. Hope House of Oneonta presented scholarships to Payton Lindsay. Wallace State scholarships were presented to Kimberly McCormick and Cade Mims. Each ACE and GED graduate also received a tuition waiver valued at $564 that can be used at any Alabama community college.

Awards were also presented to Adult Education and Center for Career and Workforce Development faculty. Adult Education instructor Juanita Hill was named the recipient of the Gold Star Teacher Award. The Workforce Teacher of the Year for the Center for Career and Workforce Development was presented to Sydney Pair.

For more information about Wallace State's Adult Education program or courses offered through the Center or Career and Workforce Development, visit www.wallacestate.edu/adulted or www.wallacestate.edu/workforce or call 256-352-7429 for Adult Education or 256-352-7456 for the Center for Career and Workforce Development.

OP-ED

What's your favorite 80s rom-com?

Chasady Woods
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Romantic comedies in the 2020s don't feel like the ones from the 1980s. I made it my mission to stop procrastinating and watch some highly recommended films. These two are my current favorites, though I do not claim they're the best. I have a lot of inventory to sort through before coming to that decision!

"The Princess Bride"

I watched as a young girl and absolutely loved the main character, Princess Buttercup, played by Robin Wright. So much so that I had begged my father to let us name our new puppy Buttercup. My request was sadly declined, though the movie still stuck with me.

I will forever remember being sick in bed watching the opening scene of a sick boy being read to by his grandfather. He declines at first, though after listening to the story being read to him and discovering it is more than your typical fairytale, he becomes invested.

The tale follows Princess Buttercup as she develops a romantic connection with the farm boy, Wesley. When they are separated the story follows a witty adventure leading up to their reunion.

"When Harry Met Sally"

This was recommended several times by worth of mouth, but also through several late night searches at 2 a.m. desperate for some form of media to help me sleep. I put it off for roughly 10 years before finally sitting down to watch.

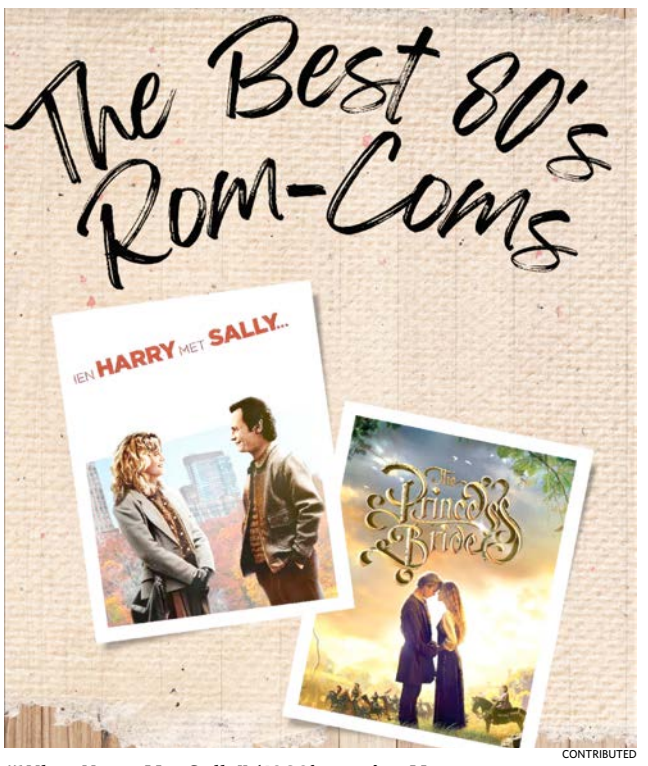
I was first unsure how well I could focus considering Billy Crystal voiced Mike Wazowski in Pixar's "Monsters, Inc." (2001). Though he ended up being the sole reason I enjoyed the film. Harry's (Bill Crystal) banter with Sally (Meg Ryan) made me actually laugh. Not a huff of air out of my nose - an actual laugh.

I wasn't sure how they were going to pull off the romance aspect of the film, but the characters meet and are reunited several times after their first, not so impressive, introduction. They begin to become friends.

The film follows them throughout their healing process from previously failed relationships. In Harry's case, a divorce. They are encouraged to date, but both characters insist on no romantic agenda ever being on the table.

Though their undeniable chemistry is amplified when Harry and Sally try to set each other up on a double date with their close friends. The scene plays out revealing Harry and Sally have way more chemistry together than they do with their dates.

What's your favorite 80s rom-com?



CONTRIBUTED

"When Harry Met Sally" (1989) starring Meg Ryan and Bill Crystal, "The Princess Bride" (1987) starring Robin Wright and Cary Elwes

Scholarships (from Front)

involvement in agriculture at the collegiate level and beyond.

Jackson Haynes

"Jackson's leadership, academic success and dedication to agriculture reflect the values this scholarship was designed to support," said Karkosh.

Jackson graduated from Fairview High School with a 4.2 GPA and served as president of the Fairview Student Council and was a member of Fairview FFA, Fairview FCCLA, Math Team, Honor Society and TRIO. He also participated in cross country, track and field and archery, and served as an Academic Archer. Jackson is involved in the Alabama Farmers Federation, Cullman County 4 H and the Cullman County 4 H Livestock Judging Team.

Jackson plans to attend Auburn University, where he will major in Biological and Agricultural Technology Management. His career goal is to apply technology and problem solving skills to real world agricultural challenges on his family's farm.

Gracie Stidham

"Gracie's dedication to her academics, her community and rural values reflects the purpose of this scholarship," said Karkosh.

Gracie graduated from Cullman Christian School with a 3.6 GPA and is a member of the American Christian Honor Society, Math Team, Leo Club, Drama Club and Student Class Ambassadors.

She is active in athletics and volunteers with Hope Horses, Feed the Need Missions, First Source for Women, the Northbrook Caring Center and Curt's Closet.

Gracie plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she will major in Nursing, with plans to become a Nurse Practitioner.

Together We Grow Foundation

The Together We Grow Foundation was born from a group of young farmers who recognized a growing need for college scholarships to support students entering Alabama's agricultural sector.

What began as a shared concern has grown into an independent nonprofit dedicated to cultivating opportunity, leadership and long term success for students across the state.

The Foundation receives proceeds from Alabama Farm Credit's Ag Night at the Rocket City Trash Pandas, with VIP ticket sales directly benefiting Together We Grow scholarships.

VIP tickets are on sale now for Ag Night, set for June 19 at the Rocket City Trash Pandas stadium.

The Foundation primarily raises scholarship funds through community supported events, including Agri Shoot at Selwood Farms, an annual sporting clays fundraiser held each fall, which will take place on Sept. 18 at Selwood Farms this year.

Through the support of Alabama Farm Credit and community partners, the Together We Grow Foundation continues to strengthen the future of agriculture by investing in students who demonstrate both academic excellence and a commitment to serving their communities.

For more information about the Together We Grow Foundation, scholarship opportunities or upcoming events, visit thetwgfoundation.com or follow Together We Grow Foundation on social media.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
TILFORD G. MILLER, deceased.) CASE NUMBER: PC-25-383

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to KEVIN G. MILLER, as Personal Representative with Will Annexed of the Estate of Tilford G. Miller, deceased, on the 14th day of May, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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

KEVIN G. MILLER
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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JOHN ANDREW DICKSON, SR., Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2025-459

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* has been received by JOHN DICKSON, JR., Petitioner, by and through Attorney Jeremy Cline, on the 11th day of December, 2025, made Court record the 16th day of December, 2025, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

John Dickson, Jr.
Petitioner

Jeremy Cline
Attorney for Petitioner
409 1st Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune* :

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

DONE this the 21st day of May, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL STEPHEN UGARKOVICH, JR., Deceased. CASE NO.: PC 2026-197

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* received the 13th day of May, 2026, made court record the 15th day of May, 2026, by Terri Ann Ugarkovich, Petitioner, through Attorney Nancy F. McClellan, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Terri Ann Ugarkovich
Petitioner

Nancy F. McClellan
Attorney for Petitioner
401 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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DONE this the 21st day of May, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHA DEAN RANDOLPH, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2026-193

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Yancey C. Rudolph as Personal Representative of the Estate of Dorotha Dean Randolph deceased, on the 13th 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 will be barred.

Yancey C. Randolph
Personal Representative

Atty for Estate:
Seth B. Thompson
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone (256) 734-4591

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR. Deceased. CASE NO PC 2026-044

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: **DARREN RENO MERHOFF, DEBORAH CAROL MERHOFF, BEVERLY LYNN WOMMACK, VIRGINIA WOMMACK GOTHARD and any other Next-of-kin and Heirs if the Estate of FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR., Deceased**

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Holly Wommack Allen, Petitioner, through Attorney Nathan Johnson for the Estate of Frederick Donald Merhoff, Jr. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the **9th day of July, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 14th day of May, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Nathan Johnson
Attorney for Petitioner
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Sheffield, Alabama 35660

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MELISSA JUNE SHABEL, DECEASED CASE NO.: PC 2026-150

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MELISSA JUNE SHABEL, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Pamela E. Nail on the 21st day of May, 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.

Pamela E. Nail, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
THOMAS A. HOWARD, Deceased. CASE NO. PC 2026 - 199

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Chad Jordan Howard and Alan James Howard as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Thomas A. Howard, deceased, on the 20th day of May, 2026, 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.

Chad Jordan Howard
Personal Representative

Alan James Howard
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
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Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LALA B. POWE aka LOLA B POWE, Deceased. CASE NO PC 2026-171

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: **THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF LALA B. POWE AKA LOLA B. POWE**

Petition for Probate of Will, filed by Gregory C. Powe, Petitioner, through Attorney Steven C. Smith, has been scheduled for the **18th day of August, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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Done this the 15th day of May, 2026

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Two final days in amazing Madrid

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Ready or not, we finally said adios to the South of Spain and the Costa del Sol. We headed back to Malaga where we boarded a rapid-rail train and headed back to the immaculate capital city of Madrid.

Once there, we went underground. No, we didn't go into hiding, but we traveled underground. In order to relieve downtown traffic, they built tunnels with roads under the city that many of the buses used. I felt like a groundhog or a prairie dog.

When we emerged back above ground, we were in the city's historic center where we strolled the streets of Old Town.

It was a Sunday afternoon and there was a festival atmosphere with outdoor musicians (including a harpist), magicians and a strolling, larger-than-life cartoon character known as Stitch (without Lilo).

The Plaza Mayor is the main public square in the heart of old Madrid. Behind a statue of Phillip III stood a massive building known as The Casa de la Panaderia, with its 237 balconies overlooking the square. Its construction was completed in 1619. Down on the square we encountered a 10-foot-tall King Kong, who hugged all the ladies.

Later that day we visited the Bernabeu Futbol Stadium. The 83,186-capacity stadium with its chrome-colored exterior and retractable roof looked like a giant spaceship. It is the home of Real Madrid soccer team, so of course, we returned with an official Real Madrid soccer ball for Drew. In November, the Atlanta Falcons will play the Cincinnati Bengals there.

On our final day, we visited the historic town of Segovia. There we saw the second of our two aqueducts. Not to diminish the importance of the aqueduct at Alhumbra, but it paled in comparison to the imposing Segovian structure.

The town and the aqueduct were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. The massive stone aqueduct is approximately 11 miles long. Rising 93 feet at its highest point, it came into view long before we reached it. Apparently, no teenagers have been brave enough to paint "Bill loves Jean" on this ancient water tower.

A section of its 167 arches serves as an unofficial welcome entrance to the city. The Romans built the gigantic structure around the same time Jesus was born, and amazingly, it still stands over 2,000 years later.

It was built of unmortared granite blocks, with no cranes, elevators or power tools. While portions of the aqueduct have been rebuilt through the years, it still provided water to the city up until 1973.

At the far end of the city, we toured the royal castle of Segovia known as Al Alcazar. As we approached the entrance, the numerous pointed turrets reminded me somewhat of the castles in Disney World. Huge storks flew overhead. Construction began on the magnificent castle in the 12th century but was completely mostly during the first half of the 1400s. It burned in 1862 but was rebuilt.

This castle is surrounded by a moat, which we crossed over on a bridge, but unfortunately not a draw bridge. The curtain-wall exterior was used for archers to launch their arrows toward approaching enemies. I guess we looked friendly enough because they didn't shoot at us and actually allowed us to enter peacefully.

The interior was just as awe inspiring as the exterior. The Pine Cone Room has golden pine cones on the ceiling. The King's Room was described as "Gothic." I can't think of a better label. I hoped since my last name is King, that they might let me stay. That did not happen, but it was certainly a visit well worth our time.

The next day, we said goodbye to the spectacular land of Spain.

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: May 23, 1957

From the files of May 23, 1957

Buddy Poppy Parade To Be Saturday

The annual Buddy Poppy Day parade, sponsored by the VFW post, will be held Saturday, May 25th at 2 P. M.

All officials of the city and county have been invited to participate. All Gold Star Mothers of the county, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Guard Units of Cullman and Hanceville will have special sections.

There will be two floats as well as special cars carrying various people, including Miss Frances Kirk, Cheer Club queen; Little Jeannie Lou Spearman, Poppy Queen, etc.

A color motif of red, white and blue will be featured in the parade.

To and Fro

Little League baseball tryouts will be held at 3 P. M. Saturday, May 25th at Cullman High School.

Among the some 400 students who will receive degrees at the 30th annual commencement exercises on May 29th at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C. is Carole Elizabeth Fowler. Miss Fowler, daughter of Virgil B. Fowler, 1201 Broadway, Cullman, is a candidate to receive the bachelor of arts degree from the University School of Religion. Miss Fowler has been a member of Bronte Literary Society.

The PTA of Holly Pond School sponsored a community fair last Thursday. All grades of the school had various displays of their work of the year and all high school departments had exhibits. There were also community exhibits ranging from a hand made plow to 150 year old hand made quilt. Homer Hays is retiring PTA president and Mrs. Jewell Smith the new president.

Among the twenty-three outstanding students in the Electrical Engineering College at the University of Alabama who were initiated into Theta Tau fraternity was Othel Horsley of Rt. 3, Cullman, who is a junior, a graduate of Hanceville High and is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon math honorary fraternity.

One Cullmanite, Mrs. Lizzie N. Daniel of Route 3, will be among those receiving Howard College Extension Division Certificates of Christian Training on Saturday, May 25th at the college. The commencement exercises will be followed by a luncheon honoring those receiving certificates with President and Mrs. Harwell Davis as hosts.

Two Cullman girls were among the 50 Howard College students who were recognized for scholastic achievement at Howard Honors Day last week. Joanne Brindley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brindley was one of the 20 high class honor winners and Anna Woodard McClain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Woodard, was one of the 30 class honor winners.

A Cullman senior at Howard College, Lowell Vann, has his best art work on exhibit at that college library for two weeks. He was also among members of Kappa Pi Art Fraternity exhibiting pictures in that fraternity's Second Annual Sidewalk Art Exhibit last week.

The first CHS student to be awarded the plaque for scientific achievement is Harwell Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Holmes. The Kiwanis Club is presenting the plaque to be hung in the school hall and on which will each year be engraved the name of the senior making the most outstanding record in science. The award for 1956-57 was made to Harwell on Tuesday evening. He will enter API, Auburn this fall.

Elected secretary of her class at Howard College last week was Barbara Tompkins, daughter of Mrs. Gracie Tompkins of Cullman. She will leave next Monday



with other members of the Howard Choir for Chicago, where they will sing for the Southern Baptist Convention.

Cullman firemen are proudly displaying a plaque which was sent to them from the Muscular Dystrophy Association for their "wonderful and unselfish work" in the 1956 fund raising campaign on behalf of the 200,000 victims of muscular dystrophy in this country.

The Pony League opens its season today with two games. Managers for the season are Graf Hart, Indians; Claude Wood, Tigers; Brock Hendrix, White Sox and Homer Wesley, Yankees.

Some people collect stamps. — Others collect coins. — Mrs. Ott Burrow, hostess at the Palomino Motel, collects miniature horses. Her favorite is the one for which the Burrows' business is named, the Palomino!

POET'S CORNER

Death Come Easy

By: Randy C. Hale

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

(In honor of all the brave soldiers who gave their lives for our country)

There he lay shot with so many
others both in gray and blue.
His injury, surly mortal.
No one would get to him
in time he knew.

His mind raced back to being
a child sitting out in a field
under an old cherry tree
taking rest from the southern
heat, when across the meadow
came his old shaggy dog
chasing a rabbit as he thought
of home.

Distracted by the screams of others,
listening to the last gasps of one
and the prayer of another, he prayed
himself, "death come easy."

As darkness began, he thought of the
girl back in Alabama, his mother and
her sorrow, and his father, alone
on the farm, as he lay on the
Tennessee soil and began to succumb.

Death coming as his mind dimmed
back under the cherry tree watching
"Old Champ" coming over the meadow,
a hare in front.

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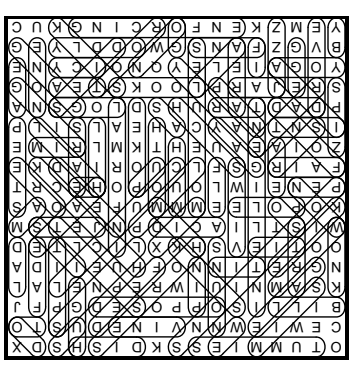
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Alabama Extension honors memory of Master Gardener pioneer Mary Lou McNabb

Mary Wilson
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — In the spring of 1981, the first class of Alabama Extension Master Gardener intern volunteers started working toward their certification. Mary Lou McNabb was the driving force who made that happen. Known colloquially as the mother of the Alabama Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program, McNabb passed away April 20 at the age of 98.

Remembering a legend

McNabb and her husband moved to north Alabama from New York in 1980. That is where, two years prior, she became a certified Extension Master Gardener volunteer through Cornell Cooperative Extension. With a love of gardening and desire to teach others, McNabb wanted to bring this program to her new home. She worked with former Madison County Extension Agent Gary Murray and Alabama A&M University to make that a reality.

Since the program's inception, an estimated 10,000-plus people have earned this volunteer certification in Alabama. Kerry Smith serves as program coordinator for Alabama Extension Master Gardener. She said McNabb poured herself into everything she undertook.

"It's no exaggeration to say that thousands of people are grateful to Mary Lou for bringing this Extension program to Alabama," Smith said. "And many other people who may not have ever heard her name benefit from the ongoing efforts of today's Extension Master Gardener volunteers."

The Alabama Master Gardeners Association remembered McNabb with a tribute during their 2026 annual conference. The event took place in early May in Huntsville. The organization has an annual award named in her honor: the Mary Lou McNabb Master Gardener of the Year Award. This goes to a volunteer who has shown exceptional leadership in community projects and service to local and state associations.

"Mary Lou had a fierce passion for plants and the many ways they connect people, and I mean that as the highest compliment," Smith said. "She believed that gardening should be part of everyone's life and always promoted the benefits of teaching kids to grow a garden. She knew that could be the beginning of a healthy, lifelong habit and that learning to grow food is important."



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Mary Lou McNabb (center)

Living history of Master Gardeners

Before her passing, McNabb was interviewed about the program's history, as well as her unending passion for gardening.

People can watch her Alabama Public Television interview in the Spotlight on Agriculture episode entitled "Master Gardeners" at https://aptv.org/watch/spotlight-agriculture/901-sgkvy9/. McNabb also made a guest appearance on Alabama Extension's "From the Ground Up!" podcast. People can listen to her season-one interview on Episode 6 at www.aces.edu/blog/podcast/season-1-episode-6-alabama-master-gardener-program.

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