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St. Bernard Prep announces new leadership structure for 2026-2027 school year

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Board of Directors of St. Bernard Preparatory School this week announced a series of leadership appointments it said "will strengthen the school's academic, spiritual and operational foundation as it enters the 2026–2027 academic year. These advancements affirm the school's ongoing commitment to its Catholic identity, Benedictine tradition and college-preparatory mission."

Fr. Paschal Pautler, O.S.B. has been named president of St. Bernard Prep. As chief executive officer, Fr. Paschal will ensure excellence across every dimension of the institution, lead institutional advancement and capital initiatives, steward the school's operational and capital budgets and serve as » PAGE 5



ST. BERNARD

Left to right: Fr. Paschal Pautler, O.S.B. will serve as president; Rachael Stover will serve as vice president; and Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B. will serve as interim headmaster of St. Bernard Prep for the 2026-2027 school year.

Red Barn Farm Flower Cottage: 'Bloom where God has you right now'

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LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Red Barn Farm Flower Cottage has beautiful flowers (and more) for sale.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Red Barn Farm Flower Cottage has opened its doors to the community through the summer.

Flower artisan and owner Allie Johnson said that a few years ago, the family was trying to come up with a side business she could run from home. Her love of growing flowers grew into that business.

"Some of the kids are more interested in flower farming than others," Johnson said. "They all pitch in a willing hand or muscles when needed! Our hope is that running a side family business will teach our kids teamwork, grit, to plan and to manage money wisely and to enjoy the fruits (or flowers) of our labor."

When asked what her favorite flower is, she said she can't pick a favorite because she truly loves them all.

"They each have qualities I love and are each uniquely beautiful," Johnson said. "It's kinda like asking me to choose which of my kids is my favorite. Growing flowers has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Both of my grandmothers taught me to love flowers and shared their beautiful flowers and gardens with me. I also loved my job experience through my high school years working at a plant nursery."

Johnson said her husband is a builder and she shared with him her dream to have a building to sell flowers in.

"Our original flower stand had blown over multiple times in storms and wasn't a great shelter from the sun and heat to keep flowers on hot summer days," she said. "So my husband, Micah, drew up plans and set to work milling wood and building a flower cottage. It highly surpassed my expectations. It's been a blessing to have this building for our growing flower farm."

She added, "I wanted a space to make bouquets, keep them cool and have a welcoming place for our customers to come for flowers."

The Red Barn Flower Cottage has a wide variety of flowers, plus more.

"Each bouquet is $20 and we take cash, check or Venmo. Some weeks we have cookies made by my daughter, Josie, and they are $3 a bag. We also sell wrapped, mixed flower bouquets. in the summer we grow sunflowers, zinnias, snapdragons, dahlias, lisianthus, celosia and more," said Johnson.

"We kicked our season off in April with tulips and peonies and we grow many different varieties through September."

The Red Barn Flower Cottage is located at 1932 County Road 1464 Cullman, off of Alabama Highway 157 near Cullman Regional. It's open Tuesdays and Fridays, from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. throughout the summer. Visit Facebook/Red Barn Farm for more information.

"I want to add encouragement to embrace the season you're in," Johnson said. "Different seasons bring unique joys, challenges and lessons. Bloom where God has you right now."

Local woman dead following house fire

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Relay For Life TONIGHT at Depot Park

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Adriana Skutchan named principal of Holly Pond High School



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Cullman's Abby Sosa to compete in Miss Alabama competition June 3-6



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Rasco, Twilley honored with Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant send-off celebration



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Ms. Super Senior Cullman County Mazzie Twilley, Ms. Super Senior Alabama Helen Ivey and Ms. Senior Cullman County Sheri Rasco » PAGE 3



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported May 29

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 29, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 26

- assault; CR 1699
- domestic violence; CR 1720
- theft of property; CR 1216
- domestic violence; CR 222
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 420

May 27

- domestic violence; CR 1662
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 242
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1160
- criminal mischief; Main St. NE Hanceville
- theft of property; CR 940
- obstructing governmental investigation; CR 536
- theft of property; CR 222
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278W

ARRESTS

May 25-27

Aldridge, Dena J.; 46
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Alexander, De Erika M.; 29
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – criminal mischief-damage to private property
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – criminal mischief-damaged property

Griffith, Shannon R.; 37
- public intoxication

Hall, Zachary S.; 59
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of drug paraphernalia

Herron, Jason E.; 50
- obstructing criminal investigation

Hobbs, Joseph M.; 38
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Husted, Lacy H.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jackson, Deann W.; 61
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Keller, Dylan V.; 50
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – stalking-repeated following of another person
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – reckless endangerment
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – forgery-checks
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – forgery-counterfeiting
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – theft-miscellaneous

Lavigne, Brandi L.; 49
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Mayo, Kenneth R.; 53
- possession of dangerous drugs

Moore, Zachery E.; 18
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Patterson, Dawson J.; 29
- public intoxication

Powell, Joseph D.; 29
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Rutledge, Tyler J.; 35
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Tubbs, Corey L.; 36
- FTA – burglary-non-residence-force
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Vinson, Naaman M.; 40
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Willingham, Tyren S.; 29
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – failure to register vehicle
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – driving while license suspended (3 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – operating vehicle with improper tires
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – open container-alcohol in a vehicle

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 27

- unauthorized use of vehicle; McCurry Van and Car Rental
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damage to skid steer; $1,800; Amber Ave. SE
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '19 Lincoln; Hwy. 157

May 28

- unauthorized use of vehicle; UHAUL
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $75; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $8; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Lee Cir. SW
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; $111; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

May 27-28

Baker, Jr., Clinton C.; 70
- possession of controlled substance

Lavigne, Brandi L.; 49
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – switched tag

Willingham, Tyren S.; 29
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – insurance violation

Townsel, Anthony C.; 39
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Sherrell, Destiny S.; 42
- theft of property-4th degree

Agricola, Benjamin A.; 19
- retail theft of property-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Obituary Announcements: May 28-29

Kristen Brooke Rogers, 35
Kristen Brooke Rogers, age 35 of Cullman, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2026, in Cullman County. She was born in Florida to Joe and Kim Hester Rogers on Aug. 13, 1990. Kristen was loved by many and is survived by her siblings, Jacob Breland, Rhianna Rosit, Mason Rogers and Adam Shrewsbury. The family has no services scheduled at this time. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home assisting the Rogers Family.

Charles David Burgess, 62
Funeral services for Charles David Burgess, 62, of Bremen will be 1 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at McKinley Chapel. Burial will follow the service at McKinley Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday May 30th from 5-7 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Burgess was born Feb. 25, 1964, in Illinois to the late Daryl and Coline Burgess. He passed away May 26, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Burgess is survived by his wife, Karen Burgess; children, Adam Burgess (Rebecca); grandchildren, Dillan Burgess, Mason Burgess; siblings, Bill Burgess (Pat), Janice Day (Wayne), Jeanette Calvert (Kenneth), Tim Burgess (Pam); sisters-in-law, Sharon Sanders (Bobby), Wanda Day (James), Tonya Bartlett (Jason); and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Burgess was preceded in death by his parents, Daryl and Coline Burgess; brothers, Roger Burgess, Mitchell Burgess, Dale Burgess; mother and father-in-law, David and Polly Mauldin. Serving as pallbearers will be Adam Burgess, Dillan Burgess, Mason Burgess, Brodee Bartlett, Justin Day, Cody Day, and Nathan Sanders. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Burgess family.

Homer Wendell Whitworth, Jr., 66
A memorial service for Homer Wendell Whitworth Jr., 66, of Cullman will be 3 p.m. Saturday June 6th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be prior to the service from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Whitworth was born Dec. 17, 1959, in Huntsville, Alabama to Homer and Betty Whitworth. He passed away May 26, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama. An avid reader and lifelong hobbyist, Homer could often be found browsing the shelves of Books-A-Million or spending peaceful afternoons at the library. One of his favorite treats was enjoying a cup of Joe Muggs coffee while searching for his next great read. He had a special love for science fiction movies, especially Creepshow, and enjoyed sharing those interests with the people closest to him. Above all, Homer loved his family deeply. He shared a particularly special bond with his daughter, Elise, whom he lovingly nicknamed "Bugroo," a name that carried warmth, affection, and countless treasured memories. His family will always remember the laughter, conversations, and little moments that made him so special. Homer was also known for his competitive spirit and active lifestyle. Dart competitions were more than a pastime to him — they were a true passion and a major part of his life. He excelled at basketball and roller skating, talents that reflected both his athleticism and his energetic personality. He also simply loved walking, finding comfort and peace in the quiet rhythm of time spent outdoors. Though he may no longer walk beside us, the memories Homer created through his love, laughter, and passions will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered always. Mr. Whitworth is survived by his children, Elise Whaley (Tyler); stepson, Josh Hyjek; former wife, Christine Whitworth; brother, Joseph Whitworth (Eleza); nieces, Amber Cullen, Ashley Barksdale (Josh); nephew, Garrett Whitworth (Alli); friend of the family, Karen Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, and uncles. Mr. Whitworth was preceded in death by his parents, Homer & Betty Whitworth; and his baby sister, Dawn Marie Whitworth. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Whitworth family.

Linda Faye Lamons, 74
Linda Faye Lamons, 74, of Vinemont, Alabama, passed away Wednesday morning, May 27, 2026, at the age of 74. Linda was born in Anniston, Alabama, on Dec. 8, 1951, to the late Burton and Willie Faye Lemley Fielder. Linda is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dennis Lamons; daughter, Kimberly Lamons; and grandson, Dakota Lamons. Those left to cherish the many memories of Linda include her sons, Steven Lamons (Jessica), Jonathan Lamons (Tammy), William Lamons (Amy); siblings, Danny Fielder, Larry Fielder, Gary Fielder, Jerry Fielder, Deborah Fielder; grandchildren, Emily Coggins, Hailey Smalls, Cynthia Lamons, Nicholas Lamons, Ninah Adair, Stephanie Branca, Ryan Lamons, Dwight Pridmore, Desirae Pridmore, Michelle; fourteen great-grandchildren; and best friend, Nancy Daniels. Linda was always willing to help others. Her family and friends knew she could hold her own when she had to but would do anything to help someone in need. She was a loving mother to her children and was always happy to babysit her grandchildren. Linda enjoyed crocheting, playing games on her computer, making ceramics, and going to yard sales. Linda was a spunky lady who had a free spirit about her, and she will be missed by many. The Lamons family will honor Linda's memory in a family memorial at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lamons family.

Mary Elizabeth Boatright, 82
Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth Boatright, 82, of Hanceville will be noon Saturday, May 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m.-noon at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mary Elizabeth Boatright was a cherished mother and grandmother, who passed peacefully in her home on May 26, 2026. Her family was the center of her world, and she poured her heart and soul into creating lasting memories that will endure for generations. Her gentle kindness and quiet strength touched all who knew her, leaving behind a lasting legacy of compassion, love, and affection. Mary was a devoted member of Hopewell Baptist Church and was always a caring and loving person to everyone she met. She was an inspiration to all around her and she held the special place in her heart for those she worked alongside at Hanceville Nursing Home, whose companionship and laughter brought immense joy to her life. Mary is survived by her children, Jeffery Boatright (Cindy), Michael Boatright, Anthony Boatright, Philip Boatright (Brittney), Amy Moore. She was blessed with eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her spouse Herbert (Billy) Boatright, parents Chester and Flora Quick, and brothers JD Quick and Kenneth Quick. Serving as pallbearers will be Tory Boatright, Justin Farmer, Cordell Minor, Scotty Foshee, Richard Fant, and Donnie Farr. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Boatright Family.

Sue Gay Barber Voss, 75
It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing on May 26, 2026, of Gay Barber Voss. Gay was born on Oct. 31, 1950, and raised in Florence, Alabama. She graduated from Vanderbilt University and pursued a career in journalism. Her first newspaper job was in the Florida Keys. Later, she joined the Decatur Daily newspaper and rose to be a section editor. It was in Decatur that she met her husband and joined with him to pursue his corporate career. She continued to work in journalism and public relations throughout her life. A lifelong bird-watching enthusiast, she added birds to her life list wherever they lived or traveled, including birds on four continents. Meanwhile, their marriage was blessed with two children. When she moved with her husband in 2000 to Cullman, they finished raising their children and she immersed herself into the culture of Cullman. From historic walking tours, cemetery tours, the origins of the Sacred Heart Church stained glass windows, and 10 years teaching 5th grade Sunday school, with particular interest in her Hispanic students, Gay contributed to her community. In Gay's latter years, she was privileged to devote her energies to the raising of her two granddaughters and especially her elder granddaughter, Virginia. At the same time, Gay endured the tribulations of Parkinson's Disease with the utmost character and dignity, characteristics she always sought to infuse into her family. Her love of family will always be in our hearts. Gay was preceded in death by her parents, James Corbet and Frances Partin Barber. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Michael Voss; children, Frances Voss and Alex (Andrea) Voss; grandchildren, Virginia Voss and Lilian Corley; and sisters, Ann Barber and Beth (Jeff) Nabors. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 29, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Gay's brother-in-law, Rt. Rev. Marcus J. Voss, O.S.B., as principal celebrant. There will be a visitation in the church an hour before the funeral mass. Memorials are requested to be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or the charity of your choice. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Dr. Henry S. Beeler, Jr., 87
Dr. Henry S Beeler, Jr, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama, peacefully slipped away on May 26, 2026, after a brief stay in the hospital. Henry was born on Jan. 15, 1939, in Lebanon Junction, KY, to Henry S Beeler, Sr and Lillie Pearl Monroe Beeler. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years, Martha Ann Newton Beeler; his son, David Andrew Beeler, and grandson, Cole Hansen Kilgore. And, also by his siblings: Duard Jackson Beeler, Mary Lou Beeler Smith and William Pope Beeler. He is survived by his loving children: Henry Stewart Beeler, III (Kathy), M Shawn Jaquiss (Ian), Rebekah Lili Speakman (Dell); grandchildren: Brian McCarthy Jr. (Laura), Sarah McCarthy, Joseph McCarthy and Lily Jaquiss; great grandchildren: Wyatt McCarthy and Gloria Grace McCarthy. Henry attended St. Benedict Catholic School in Lebanon Junction, KY from 4th grade until he graduated high school in 1957. He attended college and medical school at the University of Kentucky in Lexington where he graduated in 1961 and from the medical school in 1965, respectively. Henry and Martha began dating when they were young teenagers and were married in 1962. After medical school, Henry made good on his ROTC commitment and joined the Army. He was stationed in Denver, CO, then Fort Dix, NJ before being sent to Germany where he was in the 8th Infantry Airborne Division. Henry and Martha began their family with the birth of their first son, Henry Stewart, in Lexington, KY. After graduation, the family moved to Denver, CO where David was born, then Fort Dix, NJ for two years and then several years in Bad Kreuzenach and Augsburg, Germany where Shawn was born. Rebekah was born stateside in Hartford, Kentucky, before the family finally settled in Cullman in 1974. Henry practiced medicine in Cullman for 47 years serving patients in his private practice, and at Woodland Hospital (formerly Doctor's Hospital) until it closed in 2009 and at Hanceville Nursing Home until he retired in 2021. Henry was a devoted husband and father who was never too tired or busy to help with a homework assignment, to attend school events or teach a new skill in his woodworking shop. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, birdwatch, garden and walk in the woods. He was also active in working with and supporting Boy Scout Troop 321. Henry was an avid reader with wide-ranging interests and stacks of books next to his favorite recliner. He was a devout Catholic and was active at Sacred Heart Church serving as a Deacon for a time, participated in the Cursillo movement and was a devoted parishioner. He loved to travel. Henry and Martha visited 49 states, multiple European countries. They also traveled to Kenya to provide medical care with Kenya Relief. Henry will be laid to rest beside his wife, son and other family in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky.

Ida Mae Bumpus, 90
Ida Mae Bumpus, age 90, of Decatur, Alabama, transitioned to her heavenly home on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at her residence. She was born on Aug. 23, 1935, in Mississippi to the late Joseph Duke and Annie D. White Duke. Ida was a loving wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother, and faithful friend who touched the lives of many with her kindness and warmth. Mrs. Bumpus will lie in repose at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Chapel on Monday, June 1, 2026. Family and friends will be received from 4-7 p.m. A graveside service and interment will be held at Decatur City Cemetery on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 11 a.m.

Tiberius "Tibby" Damian Lowe, 15
Tiberius "Tibby" Lowe, 15, passed away May 25, 2026. Tiberius was a lover of many things, namely computers, orchestra, literature, and video games. Anywhere he went, it was assumed he would have hacked his way into the nearby security or operating systems in a matter of minutes just to have fun and see if he could. He was a well travelled young man and ensured his hotel stays were extra accommodating by sneaking into the security systems to bypass any blockers and allow himself internet or streaming services. While briefly visiting a children's hospital, it took him 30 minutes to redirect the room's television to allow himself to watch South Park; 25 minutes were spent talking with the nurse while the remaining 5 minutes were spent getting past their security systems for his own harmless enjoyment. Tiberius was an incredibly intelligent and accomplished boy and showcased it by rebuilding the code of The Binding of Isaac so he could play it seamlessly on his Chromebook. Tibby was an avid gamer and would talk for hours about some of his favorites: Left 4 Dead, Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty, Resident Evil, and would frequently play Minecraft, Broforce, Rocket League, and Terraria with his younger brother, Hector. As soon as Tibby could hold a controller, he was all-in and rapidly found a passion for both solo and multi-player games to the point he would politely request different Resident Evil games every birthday and Christmas. Tiberius was not only an accomplished programmer and gamer but held a deep passion for orchestral music as a violinist. A prime example of his resourcefulness was upon one of his violin strings snapping, instead of stopping to fix it in the moment he immediately transposed the sheet music to accommodate the remaining three strings. He was a member of the Alabama All-State Orchestra and performed at First Fridays in Florence. He was a member of the Scholars Bowl Team for his school and represented the School at a Robotics competition in Montgomery. He attended The Royal School in Windsor, England and was chosen to sing in Windsor Castle after being chosen for the best pitch. While there, he formally met The Queen and when asked about his experience, he expressed that he "met an old lady with a large hat like grandma.", perfectly exhibiting how he looked at everyone he met for their authentic selves, not their titles or placement in life. Tiberius made a lasting impact on every person he met, filling their lives with a sense of pure, whimsical joy in how he navigated the world. He was incredibly well travelled and loved everyone he came in contact with fully and deeply, to the point he earned the nickname "Tibby Two Pints", as the way he saw the world was joyous and without inhibition. Tibby had accumulated nicknames from various people around the world, "Mr. T" being a notorious one in Denmark due to others' troubles pronouncing his full name. In his short life, Tibby touched countless people's souls from all over the world during his travels to England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy, Denmark, Spain and Malta, and friends all over the World as far afield as Australia and New Zealand. He was known for his impish grin spreading ear to ear and the overwhelming joy he brought into a room and his unique outlook on life. Recently, he had been overwhelmingly excited to earn his drivers permit. When returning from driving practice he would talk extensively about his progress and experiences behind the wheel. Tibby was also an avid reader and huge fan of comics and novels such as Invincible, Death Note, Catcher in the Rye, Dante's Inferno, and George Orwell's 1984. He loved going to Renaissance Faires with his family and would ask every year, without fail, for a longsword. Along with attending these events with his family, he enjoyed hiking and camping with his family as often as he could. Tibby took every opportunity he could to sleep in a hammock under the stars with no concern for the evening's forecast. He would playfully compete with his family when it came to fishing and come out victorious, much to their chagrin. He was a quick study and could easily and naturally learn new information and skills in a shockingly small amount of time. Tiberius loved 90's alternative and rock bands such as Nirvana, Green Day, Rage Against the Machine, and countless others. Tibby is survived by his father, Benedict Lowe; step mother, Sharon Hart; mama, Christy Drake Frederick; stepdad, Jamie Frederick; and brother, Hector Reuben Lowe. He is also survived by grandparents Jim and Christine Lowe; Dawn and Rick Campbell; Tommy and Aunt Kimberly Drake; Whit Drake; Ron and Mary Pate; Jeff and Stacey Frederick jr; Zach and Melissa Self; Will and Brandy Frederick; Brittany and Huggy Shofner; Brandon and Ashley Drake; Jason and Sherrie Lee; and many, many cousins and friends. Tibby was preceded in death by his uncle, Damian Lowe.; grandparents Tom and Chris Drake; grandpa Jeff Frederick Sr.; and great-grandparents Rob and Joy Johnson. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held at Saint Bernard Abbey, 1600 St Bernard Dr, Cullman, AL 35055, US, on May 29, 2026, at 3 p.m. A Graveside Committal Service will be held at Vinemont Baptist Church Cemetery, 787 Co Rd 1343, Vinemont, AL 35179, US, on May 29, 2026. In lieu of flowers the Lowe family ask that donation be made in Tibby's honor to form a orchestra scholarship. Please contact the family for further details.

Tommy 'T-Bone' Wade Barnett, 72
On May 22, 2026, the world lost a true original. Tommy "T-Bone" Wade Barnett passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 72, leaving behind a legacy as vibrant as the life he lived. Born in Baltimore, Maryland to Joseph B. Barnett Jr. and Mary Louise Hampton Barnett. Tom was a firecracker from day one. He joins his parents, his brother Doug Barnett , and sister Sherrie Barnett Petree in peace. He is survived by his partner Nicole Wright , as well as his siblings Sheila Godfrey (Jon), Brenda Barnett Manous (Perry), Karyn Arnold (Lee), and Shane Barnett, along with a whole crew of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who adored him. If you knew T- Bone, you knew a man of lived full throttle. He loved the freedom of riding motorcycles and had the patience and skill to build Volkswagens from the ground up. He was the ultimate storyteller- the kind of guy who talked with his hands and could hold a whole room captive with a joke. But as wild and funny as he was, Tom's heart was his biggest feature. He was fiercely kind and the type of guy who would literally give you the shirt off his back, doing without just to help someone else out. The family will host a celebration of life and a "last ride" at a later date. Tom rode his own path, made us laugh, and loved big. Rest easy T-Bone. The roads ahead of you are all clear.

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CORRECTION

In the May 28, 2026, edition of The Cullman Tribune, we reported the Cullman City Council had approved a $5.3 million tax abatement for "Project Panel." That was incorrect. The abatement is for $364,914. The total capital investment for the project is expected to be $5,335,500. We regret the error. The correct passages of the article are as follows:

The Cullman City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, May 26, passed a resolution to approve an economic development tax abatement for "Project Panel" in the amount of $364,914. The total capital investment for the project is expected to be $5,335,500. It is expected to create 18 new jobs in its first phase, and 75-100 jobs in its second phase.

The resolution authorized the tax abatement under Alabama's Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992 for what city documents describe as "a new project or major addition to an existing facility within the city's jurisdiction."

The abatement applies to noneducational ad valorem taxes and construction-related transaction taxes, with the noneducational ad valorem portion listed for a 10-year period. City documents state the company name does not have to be revealed until the project is publicly announced.

The request was submitted by Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Director Jamie Troutman.

"This is phase one – a $5.3 million investment. This can expect to create 18 jobs," Troutman explained.

She said the wages for hourly employees will be between $24 and up to $33, with salaried employees expected to make $70,000-plus per year at entry level.

"Phase two of this project is expected to be three to five years from now, creating an additional 75-100 jobs at that time," she continued.

Troutman reported that throughout the 10-year abatement period the total tax revenue collected for education will be $283,113.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On May 28, friends, family and fellow seniors came together at the Cullman Senior Center to honor Ms. Senior Cullman County Sheri Rasco and Ms. Super Senior Cullman County Mazzie Twilley with a send-off celebration before they head to the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant on June 6 in Daphne.

Twilley said being part of the pageant has given her a chance to encourage other older adults to get involved in community activities.

"It's encouraging to be able to go and take part, and to inspire other ladies to join activities in the county and state so they can keep moving forward in their lives," Twilley said. She said the send-off celebration reminded the contestants that they have support from friends, family and the community as they get ready for the state competition. To earn their titles, contestants first took part in the Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant. The event has two age groups, Ms. Senior for women ages 60-69, and Ms. Super Senior for women ages 70-79. Instead of performing individual talents, contestants joined in a group routine, which helped them build friendships and get to know each other during the pageant.

Twilley said she hopes events like the pageant will inspire more seniors to take part in community activities and make use of the opportunities available to them. The Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant will bring together county winners from across the state to compete and celebrate active aging, community involvement and personal achievement.

Fire (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — A local woman died Friday, May 29, following a house fire at a residence on Mize Road.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Joni Mize, 65. He said she died at UAB Hospital.

Cullman Fire Rescue and Fire Marshal's Office are investigating.

More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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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
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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
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• 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.
• Wednesday, June 3 – 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, June 5 – 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, June 7 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• 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
• Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. TEEN Club "Bedazzle art design"
• 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
• Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m.-noon Storytime – Snead's Farmhouse is coming with animals and an outstanding presentation. Judy always does a great and fun program!
• Wednesday, June 17, 1:15 p.m. Crochet class
• Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. Boy Scout Colin Hyde will teach us about bats!
• Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. Adult book club. Not too late to join!
• Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m. Hanceville Fire Department will be here with firetrucks, fire safety presentations and demonstrations. Get sprayed with the hose! Bring suits and towels.
• Wednesday, June 24, 1:15 p.m. Crochet class
• July 1 BREAK
• Wednesday, July 8, 10 a.m. "My feathered friends" with Cullman Soil and Water – Millie Keel
• Wednesday, July 8, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m. "Raptor Outreach" by Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Wednesday, July 15, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. Adult book club

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.

Relay For Life
Saturday, May 30, from 6-10 p.m. at Depot Park. We can't wait to come together as a community to celebrate, remember and fight back. Join us for an evening filled with hope, connection and purpose as we honor survivors and support caregivers, and stand united in the mission to end cancer. Bring your team, your family, your friends and your passion for the cause. From opening ceremonies to the final lap, every moment helps fuel the impact we're making together for Relay For Life of Cullman County 2026. Live music by Jesse Priest, food trucks, car show, permanent jewelry, vendors, bounce houses, luminaria service and more.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church FREE Community Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6, beginning at 8 a.m. The event is intended to serve the community by providing clothing and household items at no cost. Community members are invited to come browse available items and take what they need in a welcoming environment. Individuals and families throughout the community are encouraged to attend and take part in this day of fellowship and service.

Cullman NARFE Chapter Meeting
Monday, June 8, at Freddie Day's restaurant. The lunch will begin at 11 a.m.; business meeting and guess speaker will follow at noon. All federal retirees, spouses and guests are welcome.

Smith Lake Park 4th of July Fireworks Festival
Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. There will be a full lineup of live music, including More Cowbell, The Connection, Albert Simpson and Taylor Hicks. There will also be food vendors and arts and crafts vendors all day, plus games and golf cart parade Admission is $5 per person or $20 per vehicle.

Vinemont 4th of July Celebration
Sunday, July 5, at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks show starts at 9. Celebration of America 250 and 65 years of incorporation for the Town of South Vinemont. Food, kids' play zone and fireworks. Presented by the Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church.

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PREP SOFTBALL

Good Hope leads the way with five players selected to All-Cullman County Team

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education released their 2026 All-Cullman County Softball team on Friday afternoon, which comprised of 21 of the area's top players. The Good Hope Lady Raiders, winners of the 2026 Cullman County championship, led the way with five selections, headlined by star pitcher Molly Benefield. All selections are listed below.

Cold Springs (3)
- Aleah Addison
- Peyton Kennedy
- Addison Kilgo

Fairview (2)
- Kayleigh Hill
- Addison Phillips

Good Hope (5)
- Molly Benefield
- Kynzlee Garmon
- Campbell Koch
- Lizzy Steed
- Kylee Smith

Hanceville (3)
- Bentley Childers
- Karrigan Pipkin
- Peyton Mariano

Holly Pond (2)
- Maggie Nail
- Clara Spitzer

Vinemont (2)
- Tori Vines
- Bryleigh Basinger

West Point (4)
- Kara Jones
- Lauren Windham
- Ava Pruett
- Mylee Echols

Relay For Life (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Relay For Life of Cullman County's annual celebration is tonight, Saturday, May 30, from 6-10, in Depot Park. This is a free, rain-or-shine event.

Event Lead Emily Abney said there is a dinner at 5 p.m. that is free for survivors and one guest in the Desperation Church building across the street before the Relay Night begins.

"The best way for the community to get involved is by coming out and supporting the vendors, live band, food trucks and car show that will be there," Abney said. "This year we will have a car show! Jesse Priest will be playing with his band, which will be great entertainment. There are bounce houses and face painting for kids, food trucks, shaved ice and lots of fun events taking place on stage. It is also free to attend."

Abney said the organization has been holding the event in Cullman since 1994, but this is her first year as event lead.

"Our favorite moments are always our survivors' lap, which is full of celebration," she said. "Also the Luminaria Service where we light up bags in memory or in honor of those touched by cancer. It's truly a can't miss experience."

If you're interested in supporting Relay For Life, Abney said you can help by showing up to the event in person and sharing the group's social media posts.

"They can donate on-site tomorrow via cash or check," she said.

Get in touch with Relay For Life of Cullman County at www.facebook.com/RFLCullmanAL, 256-615-2488 or cullmancountyrelay@gmail.com.

Sosa (from Front)

Jennifer Brady
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The University of Alabama will be strongly represented as 17 students compete in a field of 45 for the title of Miss Alabama. The program takes place June 3-6 at Samford University in Birmingham. Among the contestants is Cullman's Abby Sosa.

The winner will represent Alabama at the Miss America pageant later this year.

Contestants are evaluated in the categories of interview, talent, evening gown, health and fitness and on-stage question. They also each have their own community service initiative, a cause they championed while reigning in their respective titles.

Many of the students listed have participated or placed in the Miss University of Alabama competition during their time at UA.

The UA students competing include:

Hailey Adams
- Miss University of Alabama
- Hometown: Birmingham
- Talent: Jazz Acro dance to "Think"
- Community Service Initiative: Hidden in Plain Sight - Raising Awareness About Human Trafficking

Hannah Adams
- Miss Shelby County
- Hometown: Birmingham
- Talent: Contemporary dance en Pointe to "Get Lost"
- CSI: Hannah's Hope - Finding a Cure for Pediatric Cancer

Elaina Burt
- Miss Jefferson County
- Hometown: Hoover
- Talent: Ballet en Pointe to "Oklahoma Medley"
- CSI: Charlie's Chance - Overcoming Epilepsy Together

Belle Casey
- Miss Ruffner Mountain
- Hometown: Indian Springs
- Talent: Vocal performance of "That's Life"
- CSI: Twirl Away ALS

Carson Champion
- Miss Trussville
- Hometown: Valley
- Talent: Dance to "I Wanna Dance with Somebody Who Loves Me"
- CSI: Champions SERVE

Rylie Dewley
- Miss Hidden River
- Hometown: Grand Blanc, Michigan
- Talent: Baton routine to "Thunderstruck"
- CSI: Start Heart Smart

Amelia Donaho
- Miss River City
- Hometown: Windemere, Florida
- Talent: Tap dance to "Na Na Na"
- CSI: Small Steps, Strong Futures - Supporting NICU Families

Liliana Geier
- Miss Hamilton
- Hometown: Dadeville
- Talent: Baton routine to "Last Dance"
- CSI: Live with a Passion for Compassion - Bullying Prevention

Caroline Gibson
- Miss Eastern Shore
- Hometown: Northport
- Talent: Vocal performance to "My Man"
- CSI: Feeding Our Future - Bringing Awareness to Childhood Hunger and Food Insecurity

Kaitlin Glawson
- Miss St. Clair Area
- Hometown: Helena
- Talent: Acro Jazz dance to "A Little Party Never Killed Nobody"
- CSI: Full Plates Project - Ending Hunger One Meal at a Time

Katherine Grigsby
- Miss Vestavia Hills
- Hometown: Trussville
- Talent: Piano performance to "Nostradamus"
- CSI: Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Reagan Hanson
- Miss Leeds Area
- Hometown: Trussville
- Talent: Dance to "One Moment in Time"
- CSI: Reagan's Rally - Encourage to S.E.R.V.E.

Sydney Julian
- Miss Mobile Bay
- Hometown: Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- Talent: Vocal performance to "Go Rest High on that Mountain"
- CSI: From My Heart to Yours

Julia Schumacher
- Miss Tuscaloosa
- Hometown: Mankato, Minnesota
- Talent: Dance to "Like Roses"
- CSI: Be the Beat - Improving Heart Health Across America

Abby Sosa
- Miss West Alabama
- Hometown: Cullman
- Talent: Latin Jazz dance to "Bailar/Let's Get Loud"
- CSI: Bridging the Gap - Inspiring Latina Generational Transformation

Ruby Tilghman
- Miss Birmingham
- Hometown: Panama City, Florida
- Talent: Vocal performance of "I Dreamed a Dream"
- CSI: Many Mini Musicians - Answering the Needs of Your Community

Chloe Yates
- Miss Gardendale Magnolia Festival
- Hometown: Prospect, Kentucky
- Talent: Gymnastics routine to "Welcome to the Moulin Rouge"
- CSI: Special Olympics - Deleting the "Dis" in Disabled

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Skutchan (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

HOLLY POND, Ala. — Cullman County School Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette is recommending Adriana Skutchan to the Cullman County Board of Education as the new principal of Holly Pond High School.

Skutchan would succeed Dr. Nate Ayers, who has been named assistant superintendent of Russellville City Schools. "Cullman County Schools extends its appreciation to Dr. Ayers for his leadership and service and wishes him continued success in his new role," the system said.

Skutchan brings 21 years of experience in secondary education as a science teacher and administrator. She previously taught science at Good Hope High School and served as assistant principal there for three years before joining Holly Pond as assistant principal.

She holds an Educational Specialist degree in Instructional Leadership from the University of West Alabama, a Master of Arts in Education in Instructional Leadership from the University of West Alabama and a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Texas at El Paso. She is currently completing her Doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Samford University, with a focus on sustainable STEM education in rural schools.

"I am incredibly grateful to Dr. Barnette, Mr. (Richard) Orr and our board member Mr. Richard Hays for their trust and the opportunity to serve as principal of Holly Pond High School," said Skutchan." Great schools are built when students, educators, families and communities work together toward a shared vision. I am honored to serve the Bronco family and excited to work alongside our students and staff as we shape the next chapter of our school's story."

"Adriana Skutchan is an outstanding educator and leader who understands the importance of strong relationships, high expectations, and a positive school culture," said Barnette. "Her experience as a teacher and administrator, along with her passion for helping students connect their education to future opportunities, makes her an excellent fit for Holly Pond. I look forward to seeing Holly Pond continue to thrive under her leadership."

The Cullman County Board of Education will vote to approve Dr. Barnette's recommendation at its next meeting, scheduled for June 11. Skutchan will officially begin as principal on July 1.

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Leadership (from Front)

the primary liaison between the monastic community and the school.

The Board has established a new vice president position to provide senior executive leadership in enrollment management, marketing, communications and parent support. Rachael Stover has been named the school's first vice president.

In this new role, Stover will lead comprehensive enrollment management for both residential and day programs, direct the school's marketing and brand strategy, oversee public relations and community engagement and serve as a strategic partner to the president. "The creation of this position reflects the Board's commitment to strengthening the school's outreach, growing enrollment and deepening engagement with families and community partners," said the school.

Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B., who has served the school faithfully as president and former headmaster, has been appointed interim headmaster while the Board conducts the search for a headmaster. In this role, Fr. Joel will lead the academic program, oversee curriculum and instruction and shape the daily life of the school in alignment with its Catholic and Benedictine tradition.

Fr. Dominic Lee, O.S.B. will continue to serve as assistant headmaster, providing important continuity in student life and residential leadership. In this role, Fr. Dominic directs the residential boarding program and student life, overseeing discipline, campus events and the day-to-day welfare of students.

Phuong Nguyen will serve as guidance counselor. After a period of service as headmaster, Nguyen and the Board agreed that his exceptional gifts — in academic advising, college counseling and passionate student advocacy — are best deployed in the work of the Guidance Office.

Searches underway for headmaster and athletic director

The Board of Directors has launched wide ranging searches for two key positions: a headmaster to lead the school's academic program and faculty, and an athletic director to lead the school's athletic programs and student-athlete development.

Looking ahead

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all our school administrators, faculty, staff and the entire St. Bernard community for their readiness to serve and support St. Bernard Preparatory School. SBP's future is full of hope as we continue our mission of cultivating a love of learning and a life of virtue in young men and women," said Br. Brendan Seipel, O.S.B., chairman of the board.

Curricula vitae of St. Bernard administrators

Fr. Paschal Pautler, O.S.B. is a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Bernard Abbey. He received his grade-school education from the Nashville Dominican Sisters at St. Rose Academy in Birmingham before attending St. Bernard Preparatory School, entering the monastery immediately upon graduation. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, with minors in Business Administration and Latin, from Belmont Abbey College, as well as a Master of Divinity from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. Ordained a priest in 2023, he has served for three years as development director for St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School.

Rachael Stover is a marketing professional with a passion for strategic communications, brand development and community engagement. She studied business at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Auburn University, building a foundation in marketing, organizational strategy and leadership, and her work centers on using marketing to strengthen institutions and connect them to the communities they serve. Rachael is also deeply committed to Catholic education and the culture and values that define exceptional schools, having served in advisory and volunteer roles with St. Alphonsus School, Western Academy and St. Thomas Aquinas Academy, and contributed to the Marketing Board of Magnolia School during its launch.

Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B. is a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Bernard Abbey. A native of Fitzgerald, Georgia, he attended local schools before earning a Bachelor of Arts from Emory University in Atlanta. After entering St. Bernard Abbey, he studied at St. Meinrad School of Theology, where he received a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity. He was ordained a priest in 1991 and has served St. Bernard Preparatory School as teacher, headmaster and president since the fall of that year. Within the monastery, he serves as sub-prior, novice master, choirmaster and vocation director.

Fr. Dominic Lee, O.S.B. is a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Bernard Abbey. Hailing from Huntsville, Alabama, he holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Mathematics and Philosophy from Belmont Abbey College, as well as a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo in Rome, Italy. Ordained a priest in 2022, he serves St. Bernard Preparatory School as an instructor of mathematics and as assistant headmaster. Within the monastery, he serves as master of ceremonies and in the monastic formation program.

Phuong Nguyen is a dedicated educator, academic counselor and committed Catholic with over 20 years of experience supporting students through guidance counseling, classroom teaching and school administration. He has worked as a guidance and academic counselor in school districts across California, drawing on this expertise throughout his career to support students' academic planning, college and career readiness and overall school success. He went on to serve as assistant principal at Alhambra High School, where he focused on academic operations and student support, and later as principal of Century and Independence High Schools for six years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton, and a Master of Arts in Educational Counseling from National University, along with both counseling and administrative credentials.

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Attention seniors! Jammin' in the Gym returns in June

Anabelle Howze
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Adults 55 and older are invited to spend Tuesday evenings in June dancing, socializing and enjoying live music during the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center's annual "Jammin' in the Gym" series.

The free event, held from 6-8 p.m. at the center, has been a summer tradition for several years.

Each Tuesday features live entertainment and gives seniors a chance to stay active while connecting with others in the community.

Active Adult Center Office Assistant Robbie Long said the event encourages socialization and fun among local seniors and that they can expect an evening of dancing and music. This year's entertainment lineup includes The Overtones on June 2, The Junction Band on June 9, Lee and Em on June 23 and The Cadillacs on June 30.

Long said the program lets older adults stay engaged, meet new people and enjoy a welcoming community atmosphere. The event is free and requires no registration. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and come ready to dance.

Jammin' in the Gym is open to adults ages 55 and older and takes place at the Active Adult Center each Tuesday evening in June. The center is located at 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman.







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.

Notice of Public Hearing

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

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

INVITATION TO BID

Project: Piping and Appurtenances for Logan Street S.W. Improvements
Contract No. 1 – Water & Sewer Materials
(herein referred to as the 'Project').

Owner: The City of Cullman, Alabama
204 2nd Avenue NE (Physical Address)
Cullman, AL 35055
P. O. Box 278 (Mailing Address)
Cullman, AL 35056-0278

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

Date: May 30, 2026

The City of Cullman, Alabama is accepting quotations for the purchase and delivery of **Piping and Appurtenances for Logan Street S.W. Improvements for Contract No. 1 – Water & Sewer Materials**. Sealed Bids shall include the completion of the enclosed Attachment B – Materials Bid Form. Please email David Haynes at david@sjaonline.com to obtain bid documents.

Material proposal must be submitted on the enclosed Attachment B – Materials Bid Form with individual unit pricing included. Bid proposals shall include terms, availability, firm unit pricing and FOB delivery to a site determined within the City of Cullman. Owner reserves the right to consider alternative pricing proposals.

Proposals shall be submitted to the following address:

Via U.S. Mail
City of Cullman, Alabama
Attn: Wesley Moore – Logan Street S.W.
Contract No. 1
P.O. Box 278
Cullman, AL 35056-0278

Other Courier
City of Cullman, Alabama
Attn: Wesley Moore – Logan Street S.W.
Contract No. 1
204 2nd Avenue NE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

A Bid must be accompanied by Bid Security made payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid and in the form of a certified check, bank money order or a bid bond (included in Section 00 01 30 – Project Certifications).

Envelopes shall be clearly marked "Bid Enclosed" with project name and opening date. Signed, dated and sealed proposals will be accepted until 2:30 pm local time on Thursday, June 11, 2026. Any Bids received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Cullman City Hall Auditorium, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, AL 35055. A certified bid tabulation will be delivered to all Bidders upon review of the proposals.

Bid shall be submitted on Attachment B – Materials Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

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

By: The City of Cullman, Alabama
Mr. Woody Jacobs, Mayor

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper and send an affidavit of Publication to Judge of Probate

Nathan Johnson
Attorney for Petitioner
909 E 2nd St
Sheffield, Alabama 35660

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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.

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

Done this the 15th day of May, 2026

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper and send Proof of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Steven C. Smith
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398

Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone (256) 734-4591

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
611 Seventh Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
Attorneys for Personal Representative
328 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Phone: (256) 734-4721

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

JEREMY N. CLINE (CLI021)
Attorney for the Estate of Tilford G. Miller
Griffith, Lowry & Meherg, LLC
409 1st Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-0458

TO: The Publisher of the Cullman ~~Times~~ Tribune

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

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

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

In memory of Mrs. Annie Jo Cochran

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



In the spring of 1989, my little family and I moved to Rainbow City, Alabama, where I had been called as pastor of White Springs Baptist Church. Ashley, our one and only child, was not quite 2 years old, so her first memories of childhood were there. We had lived a few hours from our parents and Ashley's grandparents, so we were excited to be moving to a place less than an hour from them. Little did we know that we were gaining another grandmother for Ashley, as well as someone who become like another mother to me.

My new administrative assistant was 21 years older than me. Her name was Annie Jo Cochran. We just called her Ms. Jo. For most of the following decade, I spent every weekday working alongside Ms. Jo. She made my job so much easier, and she made me look good in doing so. She always knew who was in the hospitals, where they were and usually what was wrong with them. Every morning, a type-written card with that information was on my desk. In more ways than I can begin to name, she was my right hand.

She and I often began our mornings with fresh chicken biscuits from Popeyes. Sometimes she picked them up, sometimes I did and sometimes we both did. We shared with other staff members on those days. Some days, Herb, her husband, who was also the church cook for Wednesday night dinners, brought us all lunch. A real treat was when he brought his scrumptious homemade egg rolls.

Jean went back to college during those years, so I often had the responsibility of getting Ashley to school and picking her up. Occasionally, I would get tied up and couldn't pick up Ashley. Ms. Jo was always there to come to the rescue. When I would get back to the church, I'd find Ashley beside Ms. Jo, with a mouth full of Juicy Fruit gum "helping Ms. Jo do her work." Every year, and up until recently, Ashley always got a card on her birthday with cash inside and one stick of Juicy Fruit.

Ashley went to Herb and Jo's house occasionally, while Jean and I went out. Once, when we arrived to pick her up, we walked inside their house only to find Ashley standing on top of their coffee table doing a little dance of some sort. With red faces we said, "Ashley, get yourself down from there!" In typical grandmother fashion, Ms. Jo said, "She's not hurting anything. She only jumped up there when she heard you at the door."

In the early 1990s, we computerized the church office. When I told Ms. Jo we needed to make that transition, she said, "I'm too old to learn all that. Why don't you hire a younger person to do it and let me retire?" I didn't, and she didn't.

The highly-intelligent lady who had started elementary school later than normal but still graduated on time because she was then double-promoted twice, had absolutely no problem catching on to the computer system. Years later, when I moved on, she was still at the church and going strong.

Through the years since then, Ms. Jo and I spoke by phone regularly, up until a few weeks ago. Until a couple of months ago, the "Energizer bunny" was still driving herself wherever she needed to go, and still ministering to the needs of others through her church and other volunteer work. All who knew her loved her. Mrs. Annie Jo Cochran died peacefully on May 14, at her home, holding hands with her two children. In August, she would have been 92 years old.

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: May 30, 1929

From the files of May 30, 1929

Welti News

Cullman R. 3, May 28.—Farming is the order of the day at this place.

The commencement exercises at the auditorium Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights were attended by a large crowd each night. On Wednesday night Jr. I, II, III and Sr. I and II gave their play. On Thursday night the upper intermediates and the first grade gave their play and Friday night the lower intermediate and the primary department rendered their program. At the close of the program, certificates were awarded to the ones who were promoted. We are sorry to say that we are losing all of the faculty: Ethen Patrick, Spencer Walker, Jewell Miller, Opal Cooper and Nellie Livingston. We wish for them much success in the future field of work.

Calvin Patrick and Irene Britt attended the commencement exercises Friday night.

Elbert Talley, J. T. Allen and a friend of Cullman were out Thursday night.

The farewell party given by Mildred Glascock in honor of her teacher, Spencer Walker, was attended by a large crowd. Games and contests were carried out and prizes won by Pauline Moore and Ray Harris of Birmingham, second by Jewell Talley and Virgil Eidson. Those present were: Spencer Walker, Bryce Sticher, Guy and Ray Harris of Birmingham, J. D. Gorham, Raymond Jordan, Bill Smith, Grady Byrd, Raymond Burrow, Lonzo Norman, Lonnie and Virgil Eidson, Marvin Grizzard, Hobson Giles, Glen Hembree, Marvin Glascock, David Benefield, Anstin Payne, Hiram Parrish, Gladys Norman, Clarence and Marie Waddell, Irene and Verla Britt, Nellie Livingston, Minnie Entrekin of Georgia, Ima, Jewell, Clifton and Elbert Talley, Kermit and Lucy Harris, Pauline Moore and Francis Stewart of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Henry and children, Dorothy and Frank and Edythe Glascock.

The singing at this place Sunday was a great success. Everybody reported a nice time.

Minnie Entrekin of Georgia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dell Sticher at this place.

Ethen and Ivan Patrick of Providence, were at the singing Sunday.

Dewitt Dye and Ima Talley were out riding Sunday.

Elbert Talley of Cullman, spent the week end with home folks, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Talley.

Mrs. Noah Aires, who underwent an operation a few days ago, is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Self and little daughters, Wilda Jean and Wilma Jane of Etha, were in Welti Sunday.

Bill Harris was the caller of Minnie Entrekin Sunday afternoon.

We are sorry to say the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sticher is very sick.

Marie Waddell spent Saturday night with Mildred Glascock.

Army Allred and two brothers, Leonard and Ethridge and their mother of Birmingham, were at the singing Sunday.

Dorie Newman of Cullman, attended the singing Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Giles and children of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., are visiting relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Kate Froust of Hartselle, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Gorham.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Keller and children of Etha visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Talley, Sunday.

Those from Cullman who attended the singing Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giles and Wynelle, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Giles, Mr. and Mrs.



Ocie Giles and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Glascock.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Crawford and their little sons of Birmingham have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ollie Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Moonie and daughter, Lorene, of Cullman attended the singing Sunday.

Etheridge Self, Jewell Talley and Margie Keller were out riding after the singing.

POET'S CORNER

That One Time

By: Randy C. Hale
Randyhale62@yahoo.com

Frozen in your eyes,
a magical honeymoon,
as oft the beginning
of new things do.

Some good things repeat,
or look like twins.
Feelings like Prodigal sons
returning home again.

But some lived dreams,
never travel back,
or send a letter home,
and that's a painful fact.

The first of things together
a flowing well inside,
a light in the windows,
pleasures never wished to die.

Things you both shared,
that first Christmas day.
The joyful news,
a baby's on the way.

So much to treasure,
the times that brought
such thrill.
It may never happen again, —
but one can hope it will.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

MAY 30

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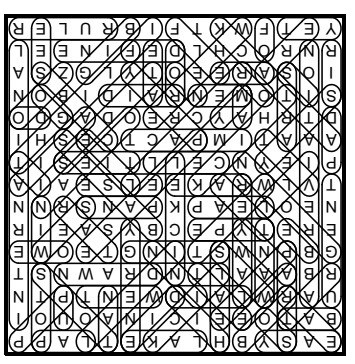
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Cullman Electric Co-op, Cullman County: Tentative start date for new water and sanitation billing is Sept. 1

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Officials from Cullman Electric Cooperative and Cullman County recently met to discuss the transition of water and sanitation billing services from Cullman Electric back to Cullman County. After months of planning, both organizations have agreed on a tentative transition date of Sept. 1, 2026.

For the past year, both teams have worked closely to prepare systems, processes and customer support efforts to help make the change as smooth as possible for the customers impacted, the Co-op said in a media release.

"Originally, we hoped to transition all water and sanitation accounts in June 2026," said Jeff Clemons chairman of the Cullman County Commission. "However, we believe taking additional time now will help ensure a more seamless experience for our customers when the transition takes place."

While many parts of the new billing process are already in place, both organizations agreed more testing and preparation are needed before fully launching the change, said the Co-op.

"Both teams understand how important it is for this transition to go smoothly for our customers," said Tim Culpepper, Cullman Electric Cooperative CEO.

"We want to make sure every system is fully tested and any potential issues are resolved before the transition occurs."

"Cullman Electric and Cullman County originally partnered in 2007 to include water and sanitation charges on Cullman Electric bills for a service fee. At the time, combining the services into one bill was considered the most efficient option for customers and both organizations," said the release.

"However, significant growth in the area, changes in billing and meter-reading requirements and rising operational costs have made it more practical for Cullman County to resume direct billing for water and sanitation services."

Additional information and customer details regarding the transition will be shared as the Sept. 1 date approaches, the Co-op said.



Good Hope (from Front)

Anabelle Howze
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council had a regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, May 26.

During the financial reports, council members reviewed grant reimbursements related to a USDA-funded project, alcohol license revenue and accounting transfers between city funds.

Councilmembers discussed reviewing additional financial details, including monthly expenditures, during future work sessions after reports have been finalized.

Council members discussed recent heavy rainfall that brought more than 5 inches of rain to the area over the weekend and reviewed ongoing drainage concerns throughout the city.

The discussion included flooding in low-lying areas, ditch maintenance and challenges associated with aging drainage infrastructure and private culverts.

The council also received an update on the city's new wastewater treatment plant. Officials reported that a valve issue was repaired by the contractor at no cost to the city.

Additional reports included updates on street maintenance and parks and recreation activities, including youth sports tournaments affected by recent rain.

The next regular meeting of the Good Hope City Council is scheduled for Monday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

