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Jonathan Young indicted on kidnapping, 7 other counts in Cullman standoff case

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Jonathan Patrick Young, 44, of Cullman, has been indicted on eight charges, including second-degree kidnapping and second-degree elder abuse and neglect, from an October standoff, according to court records.

The case also includes assault and property damage allegations from the previous day.

The Tribune reported in October that Cullman police responded to a domestic violence call about 10:50 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, near the 1700 block of Third Avenue Southwest.

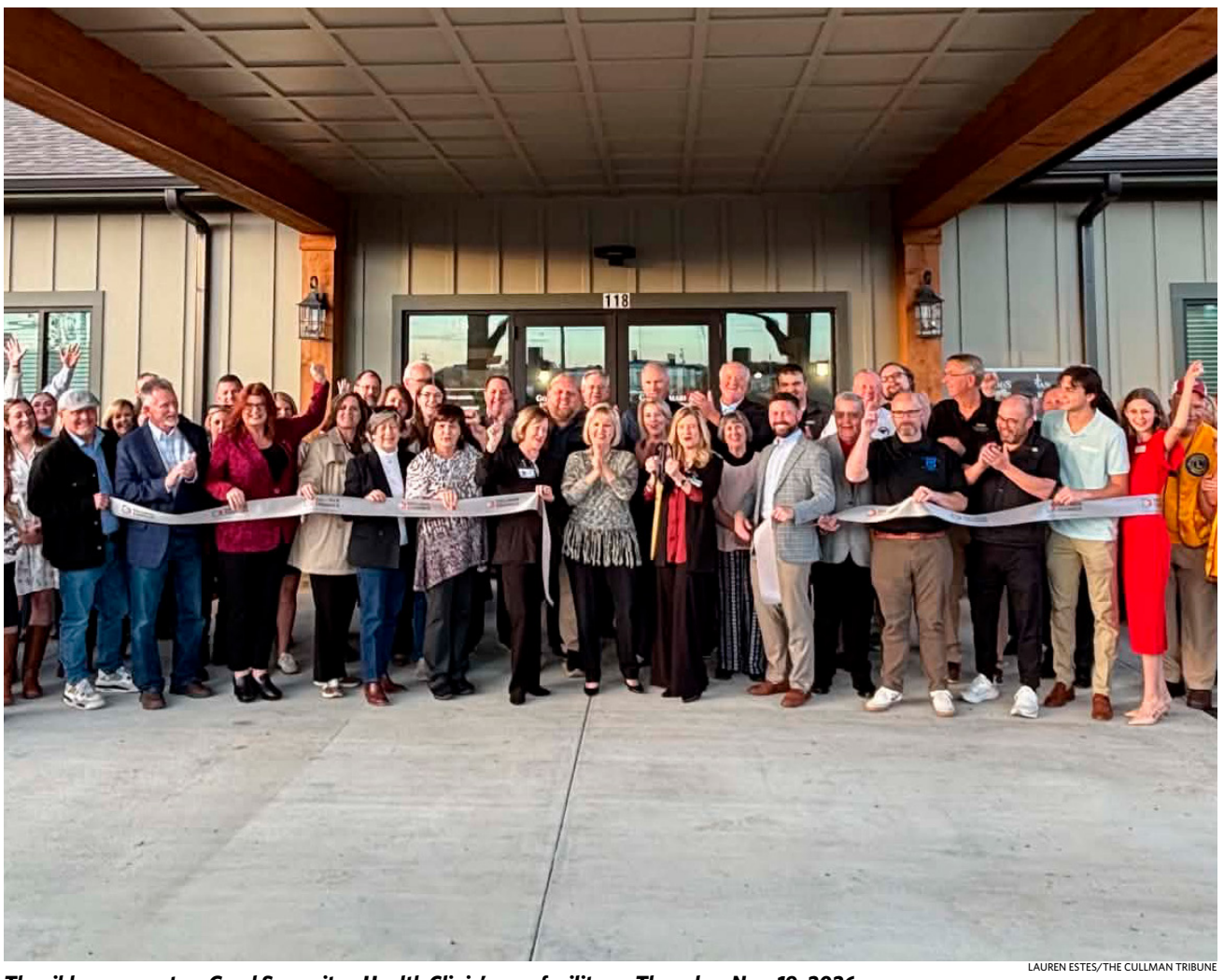
An injured man, later identified as Young's father, had made it out of the home by the time officers arrived. Police learned that his wife and their son were still inside and that the son was armed.

Young told a police negotiator he was » PAGE 2



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Jonathan Patrick Young

Good Samaritan's new home 'represents so much more than bricks and mortar'



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The ribbon was cut on Good Samaritan Health Clinic's new facility on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026.

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The ribbon was cut on Good Samaritan Health Clinic's new facility on Thursday, Nov. 19. Ground was broken on the 5,040-square-foot facility back on Sept. 13, 2025 – plans were unveiled back on April 22, 2024.

Executive Director Jolanda Hutson said the ribbon cutting was an excited day for the Clinic and for the whole community.

"Thursday represented the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work, generosity and belief in a vision," Hutson said. "To everyone who contributed, supported, encouraged and helped bring this project to life, thank you. And a very special thank-you to our capital campaign donors whose extraordinary generosity made this $2.8 million project possible. We could not have done this without you."

Hutson thanked the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, community leaders, friends and neighbors for being there to celebrate the milestone.

"This building represents so much more than bricks and mortar," Hutson said. "It represents hope, opportunity, compassion and the belief that everyone deserves access to quality healthcare, regardless of their ability to pay.

"We are incredibly proud of what we've accomplished, but even more excited about what lies ahead. This new facility will allow us to serve more people, expand our services and provide a place where uninsured adults in our community can find quality care, dignity and compassion for many years to come. We didn't just cut a ribbon on a new building. We're opening the doors to new possibilities, better access to care and a healthier future for our community."

The new location is about more than a building; it's about the people they are serving, Huston said.

"Every part of the new clinic was designed with our patients in mind and expanding our services to better meet their needs," she explained. "We hope that more uninsured will see us as a quality and compassionate option for care. For someone who is uninsured, seeking medical care isn't always easy. In fact, many people delay care » PAGE 8

8th annual Christmas at the Grotto officially open



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The eighth annual Christmas at the Grotto opened for the season on Nov. 19, 2026. » PAGE 5

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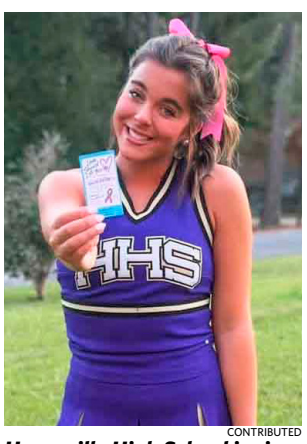
Honoring Lexi: Hanceville junior's project brings awareness to domestic violence



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Hanceville High School junior Mia McGriff created domestic violence awareness cards to honor her late cousin, Lexi White. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 23, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
November 19
• domestic violence; College Dr. NE
• harassment; CR 1529
• unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1240
• theft of property; CR 437

November 20
• possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69S
• burglary; CR 1202
• assault; CR 2030
• harassment; CR 1524
• assault; CR 1194

November 21
• assault; CR 940
• shooting into occupied building; Hwy. 91
• criminal mischief; CR 1403
• domestic violence; CR 1309

November 22
• violation of protection order; CR 1196
• possession of marijuana; US. 31
• assault; CR 219
• domestic violence; Hwy. 278W

ARRESTS
November 19 – November 23
Black, Adam K.; 42
• negotiating worthless instrument
• driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Breeden, Donna M.; 55
• swindle, less than $500

Davis, David A.; 49
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Dickerson, Charles J.; 34
• GJ – public order crimes-use of official position or office for personal gain
• GJ – theft-grand jury arrest warrant

Easterwood, Cristi D.; 58
• DUI (alcohol)

Fuller, Kennith M.; 25
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Garner, Sidney M.; 33
• theft-from yards

Green, Charles K.; 36
• FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Haff, Joseph A.; 44
• theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Mickle, Daniel J.; 44
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Moore, Zachery E.; 19
• assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)

Nunnelley, Jacky L.; 52
• PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs
• PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia
• PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

Pearson, Juwan I.; 29
• FTA – possessing forged instrument
• FTA – burglary-residence-force (5 counts)
• FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child
• possession of methamphetamine
• FTA – burglary-non-residence-force (3 counts)
• FTA – passing forged instrument
• family offense-NS non-support-child

Pilgrim, Nathaniel S.; 35
• PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Pirkle, Madison B.; 23
• permitting dogs to run at large

Richards, Heather L.; 52
• DUI (controlled substances)

Riggs, Jonathan; 33
• assault-harassment

Saint, Robert A.; 33
• FTA – burglary-residence-no force

Slenker, Brian C.; 55
• public intoxication

Tizapa-Robles, Bernarda; 23
• DUI (alcohol)

Vail, Ashley R.; 35
• FTA – receiving stolen vehicle

Warmath, James R.; 38
• FTA – assault-child abuse-aggravated-family (3 counts)

West, Austin B.; 36
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Whitt, Zachery I.; 29
• FTA – assault-child abuse-simply-family (3 counts)

Williams, Shayla C.; 32
• possession of opium or derivative
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Young, Jonathan P.; 44
• GJ – assault-elder abuse and neglect
• GJ – kidnapping-to aid/accomplish crime-adult
• GJ – making a terrorist threat
• GJ – possession of dangerous drugs
• GJ – possession of drug paraphernalia
• GJ – assault-simple assault (2 counts)
• GJ – damaged property-criminal mischief-damage to private property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
November 17
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $67; Hwy. 157

November 20
• theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,008
• identity theft; person
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $15; Olive St. SW

November 21
• criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged windshield wipers; $200; Dialsdale Dr. SW
• theft of property-4th degree; KFC; food; $13; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS
November 20 – November 21
Pearson, Juwan I.; 29
• FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Groves, Zachariah L.; 25
• theft of property-4th degree

Nichols, Jr., Charles L.; 63
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Brakefield, Noah S.; 19
• certain motor vehicle speed contests
• exhibitions of speed
• motor vehicle sideshows prohibited

Patrick, Desha L.; 31
• organized retail theft

Burney, Dusty L.; 48
• receiving stolen property-4th degree

Bell, Jr., Vincent J.; 32
• public intoxication
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• promoting prison contraband
• harassment/intimidation

Amaro, Jacob D.; 29
• public intoxication

Barbee, Justin J.; 29
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – speeding
• FTA – driving without license

Keller, Nicholas E.; 42
• FTA – driving without license

Guthery, Justina B.; 34
• DUI
• reckless endangerment

Harp-Jones, Selinda L.; 46
• DUI

Bevis III, Bertis L.; 35
• FTA – driving while suspended
• FTA – insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Incidents and arrests reported by CCSO.

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

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Young (from Front)

armed and refused to come out, the department said.

While negotiations continued, the department's tactical team got the woman out of the house.

Officers turned her over to Cullman EMS for evaluation. Young later came out and surrendered peacefully.

Police said the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, Cullman Fire Rescue and District Attorney Champ Crocker helped with the response.

Police initially announced three charges.

The second-degree elder abuse and neglect count alleges that Young injured the older man through abuse or neglect.

The second-degree kidnapping count accuses Young of abducting the woman with the intent to use or threaten deadly force.

The count of first-degree making a terrorist threat centers on an alleged threat involving a weapon that interrupted a Cullman Christian School activity.

The indictment also charges Young with possessing methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

Two third-degree assault counts and a third-degree criminal mischief count, which concerns alleged property damage, stem from allegations at a different Cullman address on Oct. 15.

The indictment lists bond at $91,000 cash. Alabama's Aniah's Law allows judges to deny bail for specified offenses, including first-degree kidnapping.

Young's reported charges fall outside that list. According to court records, Young remains in jail.

Young is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

Lexi (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. - A Hanceville High School junior started a community awareness project focused on educating teens and young adults about healthy relationships after her cousin lost her life in 2023.

Sixteen-year-old Mia McGriff said the project was created to honor her cousin Lexi White, a Cullman County Sheriff's Office dispatcher who was killed in a murder-suicide, and she wants to help others recognize the warning signs, or red flags, of an unhealthy relationship.

"I created awareness cards that highlight six important red flags: control, jealousy, isolation, pressure, disrespect and fear," McGriff said. "Each card explains what these behaviors can look like so that someone might recognize them in their own relationship or in the relationship of someone they care about. My goal is to remind people that love should never involve control, intimidation or fear. A healthy relationship should be built on respect, kindness, trust and boundaries."

McGriff said that sometimes people don't recognize that certain behaviors are unhealthy, especially when they are young or experiencing them for the first time.

"I hope these cards can start conversations, provide encouragement and remind someone that they deserve a safe, healthy and happy relationship," she said. "This project is very personal to me because it is dedicated to the memory of my cousin, Lexi White. Lexi served as a 911 dispatcher for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office before her life was tragically taken by her boyfriend. Since then, my family and I have had many conversations about relationships and how someone who claims to love you could also be the person who causes you harm. Her loss devastated our family and community.

"I wanted to find a way to turn something so heartbreaking into something meaningful that could potentially help others. I know that unhealthy relationships don't always start out looking unhealthy, and sometimes people don't recognize the warning signs until they are deeply involved. I wanted to help educate other teens about those warning signs and remind them that jealousy, control, intimidation and fear are never signs of love."

The community can get involved and support this cause by helping spread the message, McGriff said.

"I have been passing out awareness cards at local ballgames and encouraging people to take one for themselves or share one with a friend, family member or someone who might need the reminder," she said. "I would love to see our entire community get behind this effort. People can help by sharing the message on social media, talking openly with their children about healthy relationships and helping others understand that controlling or disrespectful behavior should never be mistaken for love. Even something as simple as sharing a card or having a conversation could make a difference in someone's life. My hope is that we can work together to make awareness, education and healthy relationships a priority in our community."

McGriff has recently partnered with The Willow Path, a local nonprofit organization that provides assistance to survivors of domestic violence.

"The Willow Path has partnered with Cullman County Schools to provide lessons on teen dating violence to high school students," she said. "Through my partnership with The Willow Path, I will be providing these awareness cards to all of the high school students they serve. I think this is a great opportunity to reach young people directly and reinforce the importance of recognizing unhealthy relationship behaviors."

The Willow Path Executive Director Jessica Atchley said what McGriff has created is so much more than an awareness project.

"She is taking an unimaginable loss and turning it into an opportunity to educate, empower and potentially save lives," Atchley said. "At The Willow Path, we believe prevention begins with education, and reaching young people before unhealthy relationship behaviors become normalized is critical. We are incredibly proud to partner with Mia and incorporate her awareness cards into our teen dating violence education efforts throughout Cullman County Schools. Lexi's memory will continue to make a difference through the lives this project touches."

Along with this project, McGriff was chosen for the Cullman Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Program, is a member of the National Honor Society, math team, WSCC Dual Enrollment, Leo Club, FCCLA and the varsity cheerleading team.

Her mother, Lacey White McGriff, said as a parent, it is incredibly important to parents that their children are loved, respected and valued.

"We spend so much time teaching our children how to make good decisions and recognize their worth, but they also need to know what a healthy relationship should look and feel like," Lacey McGriff said. "I want my daughter to understand that jealousy, controlling behavior and intimidation are not expressions of love, but warning signs of an unhealthy relationship. I want her to recognize that she never has to compromise her happiness, confidence or sense of self to make someone else happy. My hope is that more parents and teens will have these conversations before they ever find themselves in a difficult situation."

For more information The Willow Path, visit www.thewillowpath.org. If you or someone you know need help, call The Willow Path Crisis Line at 256-734-6100.

If you would like awareness cards, email miamcgriff0226@gmail.com or laceymcgriff11@gmail.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Welti Cemetery will be participating in the Wreaths Across American event honoring our deceased veterans. If you know of a deceased veteran buried at Welti whose grave does not have a military marker, please contact Gary Reid at 256-339-7236 by Dec. 1, 2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.
The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students.
Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

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 North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Building. 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.

Alpha Delta Kappa Invitation
Are you a woman educator looking to connect, grow, serve, and make a difference? We want to invite you to contact our local Cullman chapters Alpha Theta or Beta Delta. Alpha Delta Kappa is a national honorary organization of more than 25,000 women educators who share a commitment to valuing all people and promoting quality education.
- Build lifelong friendships
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- Grow through leadership and professional opportunities
- Serve your school, community and beyond
- Celebrate the important work of women educators

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For more information contact President of Alpha Theta Laurita Hogland 256-531-2298 or Presidents of Beta Delta Rhonda Vanzant 256-708-7980 or Lisa Hullett 256-962-4252.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- 256-739-3326
- spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
- FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
- Wednesday, Nov. 25 – No service. Happy Thanksgiving!
- Friday, Nov. 27 – 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. Guest speaker Steven East.
- Sunday, Nov. 29 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Aimee at 256-841-2060 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.

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.
Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Storytime
- Nov. 25, closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 2, Children's author Dorenda Doyle as Mrs. Claus!
- Dec. 9, Anita Whitlock
- Dec. 16, Kerri with Cullman 4-H
- Dec. 23 and 30, No program
- Jan. 6, Beth Ellis will read "The After Christmas Tree"
- Jan. 13, Cassy Holeyfield

More
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 10-11 a.m. Adult book club
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-noon "Let it Shine Puppets" a local, in-demand puppet ministry, the best-kept secret in Hanceville
- Saturday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-noon We may have a surprise visitor!
- We have T-shirts for sale. Children's sizes are $15 and adult sizes are $20. Proceeds to assist the library's programs.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
Through Dec. 23 at Depot Park. See www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com for specific dates and times.

Christmas at the Grotto
Through Dec. 27 at the Ave Maria Grotto. See www.avemariagrotto.com for specific dates and times.

City of Good Hope Community Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food is gone, at the Good Hope High School lunchroom. Dine in or carry out. Call ahead for delivery inside city limits: 256-739-3757. Free.

Ebenezer Baptist Church Gospel Singing
Sunday, Nov. 29, at 5 p.m. Carl Sanford & Born Again. 1242 Country Road 2245, Cullman.

Cullman County Senior Christmas Party
Cullman County residents age 55 and older have until Friday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m. to reserve their spots at the annual Cullman County Senior Christmas Party. The party is Friday, Dec. 18, at the Cullman OmniPlex on Field of Miracles Drive. Doors open at 9 a.m. The party begins at 10. To reserve a spot, call the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241 and speak with a staff member. Leaving a voicemail does not reserve a spot. Only the Commission takes reservations.

Christmas in Baileyton Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
Friday, Dec. 4, at the Baileyton Town Park, 390 Fire Station Road. Gates open at 4:30 p.m., and the ceremony begins at 6. Santa Claus himself will make a special guest appearance, and families are invited to bring their children to take pictures with him.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Raffle Fundraiser
Saturday, Dec. 5, from 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278. Plates are by donation only, and every dollar helps Santa bring Christmas to children in the local community. Each plate includes pancakes, your choice of bacon or sausage and a drink.

St. Bernard Prep Christmas Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. in the Byre on the St. Bernard campus.

City of Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 12. The parade steps off promptly at 11 a.m. from the Good Hope High School football field and travels down County Road 437 to Good Hope City Hall, where the celebration continues with Christmas in the Park at Municipal Park. Christmas in the Park has featured train rides, hayrides, bounce houses, a cookie house, ornament crafts and visits with Santa, along with free food provided by the city.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 2 Addison defeats No. 3 Winterboro 35-22, advances to semifinals

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ADDISON, Ala. - Elijah Roberts accounted for four touchdowns and Addison forced four turnovers Friday night, defeating Winterboro 35-22 to advance to the Class 1A state semifinals for the second consecutive season.

The second-ranked Bulldogs improved to 13-0 after winning a quarterfinal matchup that featured four lead changes. Third-ranked Winterboro finished its season 12-1.

Conner Lane intercepted a pass on Winterboro's opening possession and returned it to the 20-yard line.

A 12-yard completion from Roberts to Scout Flynn and a personal foul moved Addison to the 47, but the Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs.

Lane's second interception gave Addison another opportunity, this time at Winterboro's 9-yard line.

A false start and a 3-yard loss pushed the Bulldogs back to the 17 before Roberts connected with Michael Lee for 12 yards.

A roughing the passer penalty moved the ball to the 3, and Roberts scored on the next play to help give Addison a 7-0 lead with 4:42 remaining in the first quarter.

Addison later stopped Winterboro on downs after a 33-yard run helped the visitors reach the 11.

The Bulldogs punted on their ensuing possession, however, and Winterboro put together a scoring drive capped by a 3-yard touchdown run.

The visitors added the 2-point conversion to take an 8-7 lead late in the second quarter.

Addison answered before halftime. Roberts found Judah Wilkins for 35 yards on third down to move the ball to Winterboro's 23.

Later in the drive, a 12-yard completion to Flynn converted a fourth down.

Roberts connected with Wilkins for an 11-yard touchdown on the next play, putting Addison ahead 13-8 at the break.

After an Addison punt to open the second half, Winterboro regained the lead on a drive that ended with a 20-yard touchdown pass, making it 16-13.

The Bulldogs punted again, but Joey Wilson intercepted a pass three plays later and returned it to Winterboro's 6-yard line.

Roberts scored from a yard out on the second play of the ensuing possession, helping Addison take a 21-16 lead late in the third quarter.

Winterboro moved to the 30-yard line with a long run and consecutive Addison penalties, but Avyus Stewart recovered a fumble and returned it to the 48.

Zane Smith, Roberts and Wilkins carried the ball on the ensuing scoring drive, which ended with a 4-yard touchdown run by Wilkins.

Addison led 27-16 before Winterboro answered with a 10-yard touchdown pass to cut the margin to 27-22 with 5:17 remaining.

Smith and Roberts helped Addison move down the field on its next possession. Roberts finished the drive with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Flynn, and Wilkins ran in the 2-point conversion to extend the lead to 35-22.

Winterboro reached the 36-yard line on a completion during its final possession, but Addison forced a turnover on downs to secure the win.

Roberts finished 12-for-21 passing for 122 yards and two touchdowns. He added 35 rushing yards and two scores.

Wilkins caught three passes for 54 yards and a touchdown, adding 24 rushing yards and a score. Flynn finished with three receptions and a touchdown.

Lane led Addison's defense with two interceptions. Wilson added an interception and Stewart recovered a fumble.

Addison will travel to seventh-ranked Loachapoka for the semifinals Friday, Nov. 27.



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Addison defeated Winterboro 35-22 to advance to the Class 1A state semifinals for the second consecutive season Friday night, Nov. 20, 2026.

OP ED

A mother's take on "shutdown" preparation

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Recently there has been talk of a "grid shutdown" and the public is beginning to prepare more hastily. Throughout this op-ed I will not promote fear, though I will be speaking as a mother on the precautions I have taken to ensure my family is not affected during any unforeseen events.

I began researching ways to prepare and to gain as much knowledge as possible on what to expect, how to properly stock and any information I could consume without gaining a permanent tinfoil hat atop my head. And, of course, after doing this my algorithm took advantage of the fact that I had the thought in the first place! My feed was showing me the worst of the worst in terms of an upcoming apocalypse and all things doom and gloom. I eventually had to take the information I knew and put the phone down.

One thing I can tell you is that it is better to prepare, than to be unprepared and panic. I have told my husband since the day our son was born that it is my duty as a mother to expect the unexpected and overthink things if it means my child's safety. Regardless of whether or not something happens, I will be preparing because it is my purpose as a parent to protect my child.

I would like to share a few tips on what, in my opinion, is overlooked. Sure you can get rice, beans and bottled water – it's a start, but it isn't everything. Drinking water is important, but what about water for flushing the toilets? The drinking water only goes so far, especially if you have to use it to cook your beans and rice.

It is recommended to have 1 gallon of drinking water per person a day. I've come to notice that people are not taking their pets into account in this prepping situation. There is a need for drinking water, but you will also need stored water. Stored water can be used for flushing toilets and other uses other than drinking, which can be critical so you don't wear down your supply of safe, purified drinking water.

Have ways to store water in case of an emergency and think ahead for what's best in your situation. Those who live in apartments likely cannot hoard several containers of water with limited space or have an outdoor structure to collect rainwater. Do research and make the best choice for your scenario.

There are two other important aspects of stocking for these uncertain scenarios that seem to be very overlooked: medicine and providing a sense of normalcy.

If this happens, you can't rely on anyone to be able to provide for your family but yourself. Medicine is crucial and very necessary to stock up on within your household at any point within the winter months, but especially in case of an emergency shutdown. If it were to happen there is no way to know for sure if you will be able to access medication sold at your local supermarkets.

If this were to happen in the winter, in the middle of cold and flu season, you want to have medications in order to protect your health in addition to access to proper nutrition.

So, amidst my preparation within the past few months, I decided to do some budget-friendly shopping. I found that our local Dollar Tree has a very reasonable selection of emergency stock that won't break your wallet! Because not everyone can afford to buy all these supplies in bulk right now.

I was able to get a full cabinet worth of peroxide, rubbing alcohol, antibiotic ointment, gauze, bandages, immunity support drops, ibuprofen and Tylenol, cold and flu as well as other fever reducing medicines and more. I typically grab two or three of each item to stock my cabinets for the winter and doing so on this trip still cost me less than $30. Each item in this particular area of the store amounted to $1.25-1.50.

Most of the medication I got from this location was aimed at adult needs, for the most part. I chose to visit Bent N' Dent for children's medication and was impressed at the inventory. All of the name brand items I normally purchase at Walmart such as Infant Tylenol, several varieties of Mommy's Bliss, Vitamin-D drops and our usual purchases were there at a fraction of the retail price.

I highly recommend getting the items in bulk that you would normally buy for your family on a regular basis to maintain the best peace of mind. If it provides a way to stick to your family's usual routine to maintain a sense of normalcy during unforeseen circumstances – get it!

At this location I was able to purchase, mainly for my child, fever reducing medication, gas drops, Vitamin-D drops, saline spray, nose spray, cough syrup, teething soothing gel and constipation ease. I went in with the mindset of all possible scenarios that I may need to prepare for. It was like nesting all over again!

I was also able to find tea candles, which are normally $2 and over for small bundles at Walmart and nearby dollar stores, for only $2 for 20 candles here. Just a tip!

When it came to a sense of normalcy I had to consider all the things I could provide for my family during any disaster, power outage and so on. I purchased an emergency radio that is solar powered and chargeable. Its features also include a flashlight, hand crank and USB charging port. This made me more comfortable to know that I have multiple ways to get alerts, but also am able to use it with the solar power feature and hand crank to charge other items that we have that don't take batteries, such as chargeable lights. This radio was under $15 and I also purchased a flashlight with a hand crank, solar charging option and a USB port as well.

To continue the normalcy I chose to buy extra batteries for my son's toys to continue the routine he already has. We have plenty of books, blocks, stuffies and other Montessori toys regardless, but I wanted to maintain the things he is used to.

This thought process also inspired me to purchase a little extra of our favorite snacks and other nonperishables like hard candy to keep spirits high. Because, if something were to happen, my priority is still providing the most normal day-to-day life that I possibly can for my family.

CATA (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A playhouse, a chicken coop and several large doghouses built by Cullman Area Technology Academy students are headed to auction to raise scholarship money for Wallace State Community College students.

CATA's Building Construction Technology program is donating the structures to the Wallace State Future Foundation for its 22nd annual Student Investment Luncheon and Auction.

The Foundation's event page says the fundraiser will take place Thursday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Traditions Bank Arena in Tom Drake Coliseum, 801 Main St. NW in Hanceville.

CATA Instructor Mike Burkett said students spent part of the fall semester building the projects during class and lab time. They practiced framing and finishing and learned to handle materials and use hand and power tools safely. The work also gave them experience in marketing and customer service.

CATA has donated student-built projects to the fundraiser before.

The Tribune reported in 2020 that the academy's carpentry students built and donated an 8-by-8-foot storage building for that year's online auction.

"Community service is one of the four 'pillars' holding up the Carpentry program at CATA," Burkett told The Tribune at the time.

Wallace State reported that the 2025 luncheon raised $416,161 for scholarships.

This year's fundraiser includes live and silent bidding at the luncheon and an online auction ahead of the event.

A $125 Friend sponsorship includes one seat at the luncheon. For event information, call 256-352-7808.

Several other doghouses are available for sale to raise money for CATA's Construction Technology program, Burkett said.

To ask about availability, contact CATA Building Construction on Facebook or call 256-734-7740 and ask for Burkett.



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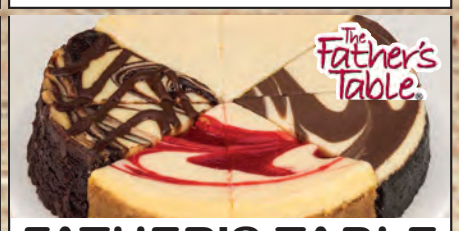

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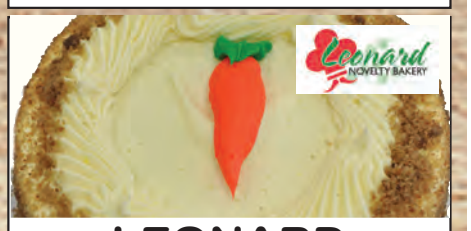

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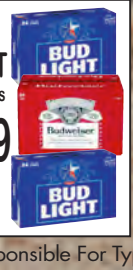

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Voices of the season: Cullman Women Sing presents 'A Choral Christmas' Dec. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Some Christmas traditions are meant to be heard. On Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., Cullman Women Sing will fill Seventh Street Baptist Church with the sounds of the season during "A Choral Christmas."

The ensemble invites the community to "join us for a night of holiday and spiritual music presented by Cullman Women Sing and guest performers," adding, "We hope you will enjoy these songs as much as we have."

Admission is free, and donations are appreciated.

Cullman Women Sing is a select treble ensemble of women who present beautiful choral music of various styles. The group, open to serious adult singers, rehearses weekly during the fall and spring and typically presents two major concerts each year, in December and May.

In recent years, its Christmas concerts at Seventh Street Baptist Church have featured a blend of sacred and secular favorites, guest instrumentalists and, at times, a carol or two for the audience to sing along with.

Whether you come for a cherished carol or a new favorite, it's an evening made for slowing down, settling into a pew and letting the music carry you into the Christmas season with family members, friends and neighbors of all ages.

If you go

- **What:** "A Choral Christmas," presented by Cullman Women Sing
- **When:** Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m.
- **Where:** Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman

For updates, follow Cullman Women Sing on Facebook. For more information about the church, call 256-739-8724 or visit www.7thstreetbaptist.com.



CULLMAN WOMEN SING

Cullman Women Sing

Wonderland Under Warrior returns to Rickwood Caverns State Park

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

WARRIOR, Ala. - This holiday season, Alabama's most unforgettable light display isn't found on a neighborhood street or atop a rooftop. It's tucked 175 feet beneath the Earth's surface inside the ancient caverns of Rickwood Caverns State Park, where 260-million-year-old formations provide a stunning backdrop for one of the state's most unique holiday traditions.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Wonderland Under Warrior returned to Rickwood Caverns State Park, transforming its breathtaking underground formations into a dazzling holiday wonderland. Surrounded by towering stalagmites, delicate flowstones and other natural wonders shaped over millions of years, visitors will experience a memorable blend of colorful lights, festive music and the cavern's natural beauty. The result is a one-of-a-kind holiday experience unlike anything else in Alabama. Tickets are on sale now, and with a limited number of entries available each night, guests are encouraged to reserve their spots early.

"Celebrating the 10th year of Wonderland Under Warrior is a milestone we're incredibly proud of," said Alabama State Parks Director Matthew Capps. "What started as a unique holiday experience at Rickwood Caverns has grown into a tradition that families look forward to year after year. There's something special about seeing generations of families return and introducing new visitors to the incredible beauty of the cavern during the holiday season. We're excited to celebrate this milestone and welcome families back for another unforgettable Christmas season."

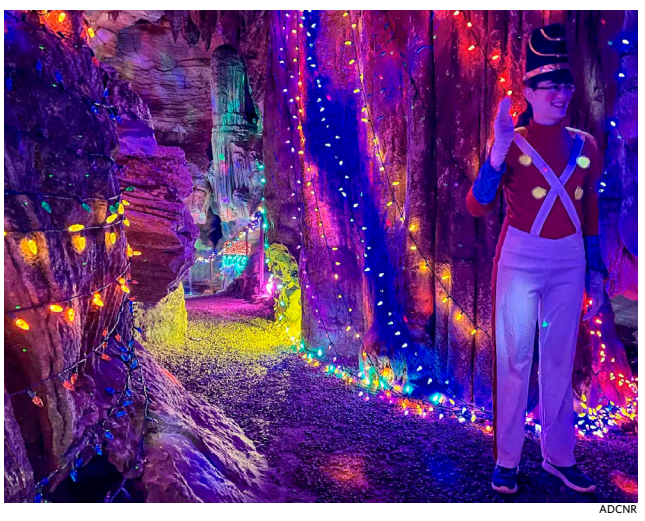
As visitors make their way through the cavern, colorful lights illuminate remarkable formations, creating a series of festive scenes throughout the underground passageways. Holiday music fills the chambers, while seasonal displays and decorations bring the spirit of Christmas into a setting millions of years in the making.

The cavern maintains a comfortable temperature year-round, offering a welcome escape from the cold winter weather. Guests can take their time exploring the self-guided experience, enjoying the remarkable contrast between the natural formations and the colorful holiday displays.

The holiday experience continues above ground, where guests can enjoy additional seasonal decorations, holiday characters and refreshments from the park's gift shop. Santa Claus will also make scheduled appearances throughout the season, giving families additional opportunities to capture holiday photos and create lasting memories.

Whether visiting with children, enjoying an evening with friends or bringing out-of-town family members, Wonderland Under Warrior offers a unique opportunity to experience the holidays in a setting unlike any other.

"Alabama is blessed with extraordinary natural resources, and Rickwood Caverns is a wonderful example of what makes our state so special," said Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Ben C. Stimpson Jr. "Wonderland Under Warrior brings together the natural beauty of this remarkable cavern with the spirit of the holiday season, giving families an opportunity to experience one of Alabama's natural treasures in a new and memorable way. It's another example of how Alabama's State Parks create opportunities for people to connect with our great outdoors and make memories that last a lifetime."



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Event details

- What: Wonderland Under Warrior 2026
- When: Through Jan. 3, 2027
- Hours: Daily from 2-8 p.m. (closed on most Mondays and Tuesdays in November and December)
- Where: Rickwood Caverns State Park, 370 Rickwood Park Road, Warrior, AL 35180
- Tickets: $12 for ages 5 and older and can be purchased online

The self-guided tour goes for about a half mile into the cave system before returning. Park officials encourage visitors to wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes suitable for hiking, as the cave floor features stairs and uneven surfaces, and to make reservations in advance.

The attraction will be closed on the following days: Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31; and most Mondays and Tuesdays in December.

Rickwood Caverns State Park is located just off Interstate 65 in Warrior, about 30 miles north of downtown Birmingham and about 75 miles south of Huntsville. The park can be accessed easily at I-65's Exit 287 through the park's new access road opened earlier this year.

Tickets are limited and sold by timed entry. Reserve yours today at https://reserve.alapark.com/rickwood-caverns/tours or by calling the park at 205-647-9692.

Get more info at www.alapark.com/parks/rickwood-caverns-state-park/wonderland-under-warrior.

Grotto (from Front)

Chasady Woods
chasady@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. – The eighth annual Christmas at the Grotto opened for the season on Nov. 19. The yearly favorite invites visitors to experience the Ave Maria Grotto at night, with Brother Joseph Zoettl's miniature works lit for the holidays.

Roam the grounds on the walkways while enjoying a choral ambiance that sets the tone for a starlit evening.

The attraction is a serene experience for families who want to celebrate Christmas quietly. It also gives a glimpse into the history of St. Bernard Abbey, as some of the creations are modeled after surrounding buildings.

There are approximately 125 miniature structures along the hillside trail and each has unique elements. While there are several concrete depictions, many of the structures incorporate colorful stones, reused tiles, dishes and even seashells.

The largest piece is a 27-foot cavern-like shrine that lies within the heart of the Grotto.

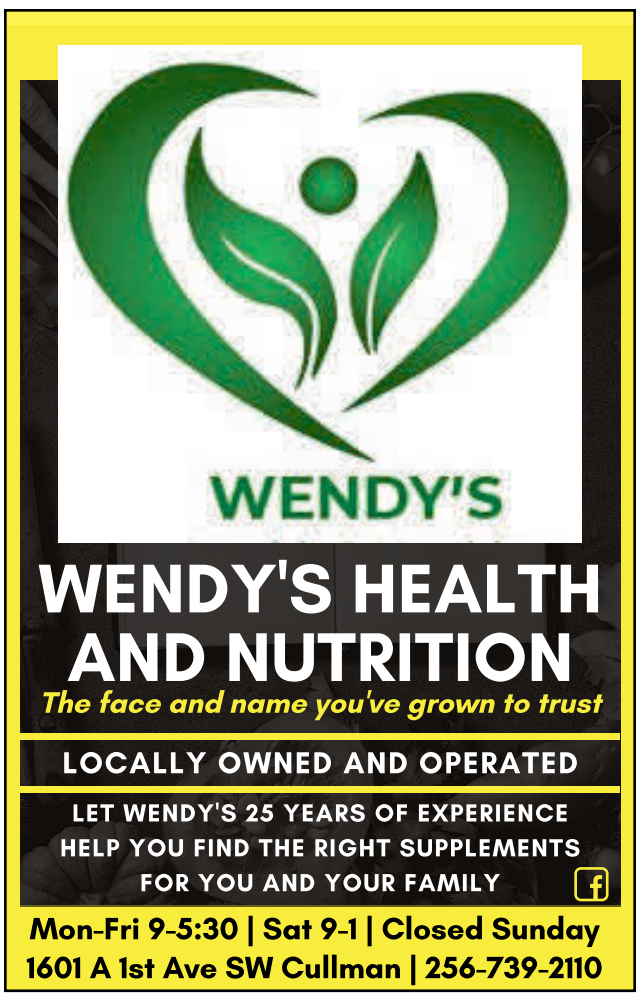
Admission

- Adults: $12
- Seniors: $10
- Military members, veterans and first responders: $9
- Teens ages 13-17: $10
- Children ages 5-12: $9
- Children 4 and younger: free

Dates

- Nov. 27-29
- Dec. 3-6
- Dec. 10-23
- Dec. 26-27

The centerpiece of the season will be a special Christmas weekend Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12. Both evenings are scheduled to include Santa Claus, live music and entertainment, food trucks and horse-drawn wagon rides. Wagon rides will cost an additional $7. Lights are on at 5 p.m. Visit www.avemariagrotto.com for more information.







LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
TIMOTHY LEE PHILLIPS,)
AKA TIMOTHY L. PHILLIPS,)
AKA TIM PHILLIPS,) CASE NO.: PC2025-191
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT,
MOTION TO SET FOR HEARING and
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: LAUREN NICOLE PHILLIPS WILLIAMS AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF TIMOTHY LEE PHILLIPS AKA TIMOTHY L. PHILLIPS, AKA TIM PHILLIPS.

Petition for Final Settlement filed by Hanna Phillips Harper, Personal Representative, through Attorney, Beverly Paschal Poston. *Motion to Set for Hearing and Amended Petition for Final Settlement* filed by Beverly Paschal Poston, Attorney for Hanna Phillips Harper, Personal Representative. A hearing on these matters has been scheduled for the **11th day of February, 2027, at 11:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition(s) if they see proper.

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

DONE this 23rd day of November, 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 in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney at Law
201 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: December 14th (Day), 2026 **2026 at** 11:10 **a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: **Vicky Haney v. Larry Hinkle**

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Cullman County, Alabama Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost, upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Larry Hinkle, in and to the real property located in Cullman County, Alabama described as follows:

Tract 1 (Tax Parcel 26-08-33-0-000-006.001)

A part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33 and a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, all in Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the purported NE corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 33, having an Alabama state plane, west zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of n. 1438146.41', e. 2165734.37' and run South 00 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds West (bearing based on AL. state plane, West zone, NAD 83) and run along the accepted East line, a distance of 400.00 feet to a found capped corner (Conn-17831) on the north right-of-way line of Country Park Circle, thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 55 seconds West and run along said North right-of-way line a distance of 850.00 feet to a set rebar (Conn-17831); thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 441.89 feet to a set rebar on the accepted North line of said quarter-quarter; thence North 87 degrees 12 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 243.00 feet to a set rebar and the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 26 seconds East, a distance of 257.00 feet to a set rebar; thence South 88 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 235.39 feet to a set rebar on the accepted west line of said quarter-quarter; thence due North along said West line a distance of 135 feet; thence due West 227 feet; thence Northerly

165 feet to the North line of said quarter-quarter; thence South 87 degrees 12 minutes 54 seconds East, a distance of 455 feet to a set rebar and the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed.

Tract 2 (Tax Parcel Nos. 26-08-33-0-000-006.014, 26-08-33-0-000-006.015 and 26-08-33-0-000-006.020)

A parcel of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, being Northwest of Alabama Highway No. 91 and more particularly described as follows: From an iron pin located on the accepted property line between the John Bums property and the Charles V. Gamble property (said iron pin being further located as being North 01 degree 00 minutes West 200 feet from the North side of the 50 foot right of way line of Highway No. 91) go North 88 degrees 13 minutes East 248.74 feet to iron pin; thence North 88 degrees 12 minutes 04 seconds East, a distance of 271.55 feet to a found angle iron and the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence North 08 degrees 46 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 126.01 feet to a set rebar; thence North 52 degrees 43 minutes 20 seconds East, a distance of 190.50 feet to a set rebar; thence North 83 degrees 41 minutes 16 seconds East, a distance of 131.50 feet to a set rebar; thence South 12 degrees 39 minutes 55 seconds East, a distance of 32.02 feet to a set rebar; thence North 86 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds East, a distance of 63.80 feet to a point in a ditch; thence North 71 degrees 10 minutes 01 seconds East, a distance of 26.20 feet to a point in a ditch; thence South 48 degrees 41 minutes 19 seconds East, a distance of 35.69 feet to a point in a ditch; thence South 39 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds East, a distance of 38.16 feet to a point in a ditch; thence South 25 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds East, a distance of 13.98 feet to a point in a ditch; thence South 49 degrees 46 minutes 56 seconds East, a distance of 19.51 feet to a set rebar on the North right of way line of State Highway No. 91; thence go Southeasterly along the North right of way line of State Highway No. 91 367 feet more or less to the East line of property owned by Danny Drinkard and Syrena Drinkard; thence North 29 degrees 06 minutes West for a distance of 7.88 feet to the second fork on a gum tree; thence go West 100 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Tract 3 (Tax Parcel 26-08-33-0-000-006.010)

A parcel of land in the NE corner of the NE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 33, Township 12 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commencing at the NE corner of said NE¼ of the SE¼; thence South along the East forty line 400 feet; thence West and parallel with the North forty line 350 feet to the point of beginning; thence North and parallel with the East forty line 400 feet to the North forty line; thence East along the North forty line 490 feet more or less to a point; thence South 440 feet more or less to the North line of Country Park Circle; thence East along said North line of Country Park Circle 495 feet more or less to the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed.

Tract 4 (Tax Parcel 26-08-33-0-000-006.003)

Lot 13 of Country Park Subdivision as shown on the recorded plat thereof on Map Slide B103B in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Including the following Manufactured Home: 1990 Brilliant, Cedar Lake, 28x64. Serial Nos. BHAL0290SN2166A & BHAL0290SN2166B.

Property Address: at or near 15721 Alabama Highway 91, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Request for Execution and Writ of Execution issued on or about September 8, 2026 in case CV-2024-900060 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on a judgment entered October 2, 2024, the Certificate of Judgment for which was recorded March 7, 2025 in Judgment Book 66, Page 258, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Larry Hinkle, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 17 day of NOV, 2026.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

To the Cullman ~~Times~~ Tribune:

Please publish for once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks:
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PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE 32-13-1, EARLS BODY SHOP INC. WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ON SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE VOLLOWING VEHICLES :

DATE 12/29/2026
TIME 7:00: AM
LOCATION: 2251 DECATUR AVE NW
CULLMAN AL 35058

2001	FORD	F-150 XLT	1FTRW08W21KE35459
2018	BMW	3- SERIES 3301	WBA8B9G59JNU99398
2007	CHEVROLET	EXPRESS G2500	1GCGG25V471135514
2016	TOYOTA	4RUNNER	JTEZU5JROG5112876

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
MARY V. MARTIN,) CASE NO.: PC2026-385
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
and MOTION TO SET FOR HEARING

TO: SAMMY MARTIN AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF MARY V. MARTIN.

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Holly Caldwell, Petitioner, through Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney, and *Motion to Set for Hearing* filed by Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney.

A hearing on these matters has been scheduled for the **23rd day of February, 2027, at 10:30a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition(s) if they see proper.

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

DONE this 23rd day of November, 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 in said newspaper and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Shelbie G. Hankey
409 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Jeff Clemons, *Chairman*
Kenneth Walker, *Commissioner, District 1*
Richard Barnett, *Commissioner, District 2*

Cullman County COMMISSION

Kelly Duke, *Commissioner, District 3*
Corey Freeman, *Commissioner, District 4*
John Bullard, *County Administrator*

ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS

Cullman County is taking bids for the paving of multiple Cullman County office building parking lots. Sealed bids will be received by the Cullman County Commission at 500 2nd Avenue SW Room 105, Cullman, Alabama 35055 until 2:00 PM Central Time on Monday December 14, 2026, and then publicly opened as soon thereafter as practicable. Award will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cullman County Commission. All bids must be marked with the word "BID" on the outside of the bid package along with Bid Proposal for Paving, the bid date and the Alabama General Contractor's License Number.

The contractor shall meet all Alabama Public Works Bid Bonding and Licensing requirements as well as all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the U. S. Government, the State of Alabama, any relevant municipality, and the COUNTY, and, specifically and without limitation, shall comply with all provisions of the Beason-Hammond Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, commonly referred to as the Immigration Act.

All bid items shall be placed in accordance with the bid items and specifications and Alabama Title 39 Public Works.

Bid Request Packets with specifications are on file and may be acquired at:
Cullman County Commission Office
500 2nd Ave SW Room 105
256-775-4878
Hours of Operation are 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Central Time) Monday through Friday

THE CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION

John M. Bullard
John Bullard, County Administrator

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
BETTY FAYE BATES,) CASE NO.: PC2026-350
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WITH WILL ANNEXED

TO: LIONEL BATES AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF BETTY FAYE BATES.

Petition to Probate with Will Annexed received and made court record the 27th day of August, 2026, filed by Craig Bates, Petitioner, through Attorney, Melanie B. Holliman.

A hearing on these matters has been scheduled for the **17th day of February, 2027, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition(s) if they see proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
Probate Office
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Melanie B. Holliman
2057 Valleydale Rd., Ste. 111
Birmingham, Alabama 35244

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
Raymond Alan Brauer,) Case No.: PC2026-414
)
DECEASED.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Karla Jean Brauer on the 13th day of November, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Karla Jean Brauer, Personal Representative
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

To the publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
LEWIS MITCHELL EASTERWOOD,) CASE NO.: PC2026-257
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION and
PETITION TO ADMIT SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT TO PROBATE AND FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
and PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CHARLES MICHAEL EASERWOOD, III., BETHANY ROBINSON, WALLACE BRENT EASTERWOOD AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF LEWIS MITCHELL EASTERWOOD.

Petition for Letters of Administration; Petition to Admit Subsequently Discovered Last Will and Testament to Probate and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary; and *Petition for Probate of Will,* filed by Jason Todd Easterwood, Petitioner, through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney.

A hearing on these matters has been scheduled for the **17th day of February, 2027, at 10:30a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition(s) if they see proper.

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

DONE this 23rd day of November, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune
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Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
BERRY, BEERY, LITTLE & CHANEY
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
CONNIE FRANCES GIBSON,) CASE NO.: PC2026-374
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
(SELF-PROVED WILL)
And MOTION TO SET HEARING

TO: MISTY GIBSON, ANGELA MACEY, SUSAN BOVELL AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF CONNIE FRANCES GIBSON.

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will) filed by Cheryl Hays, Petitioner, by Sherry H. Barrett, Attorney for Petitioner and *Motion to Set Hearing,* filed Sherry H. Barrett, Attorney for Petitioner, Cheryl Hays.

A hearing on these matters has been scheduled for the **17th day of February, 2027, at 11:00a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition(s) if they see proper.

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DONE this 23rd day of November, 2026.

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Sherry H. Barrett
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
*
ELLA ROMONA MARRS HARRIS, * CASE NO PC 2026-235
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE OF (Self Proving) WILL
and
AMENDED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE OF (Self Proving) WILL

TO: DONAL MICHAEL MARRS, LANA MITZI MARRS, JAMES DION MARRS, II AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OF ELLA ROMONA MARRS HARRIS

Petition for Letters of Administration and Probate of (Self Proving) Will filed by Nina R.W. King, Petitioner, through Attorney Daniel B. King and *Amended Petition for Letters of Administration and Probate of (Self Proving) Will,* filed by Nina R.M. King and Wendy Rosanne Schaffer, Petitioners, through Attorney Daniel B. King, has been re-scheduled for the **29th day of December, 2026, at 9:30 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 20th day of November, 2026.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Daniel B. King
King & King Attorneys, P.C.
757 Chestnut Street
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
*
NORMA LAMPITT, * CASE NO PC 2026-205
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KAREN RAYBURN BEDFORD, RICHARD LAMPITT, JASMINE LIVINGSTON, JAVONNAH JANEE KNOX AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OF NORMA LAMPITT

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Kristina L. Miller, Petitioner, through Dan J. Willingham, Attorney, has been re-scheduled for the **25th day of February, 2027, at 10:00 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
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 23rd day of November, 2026.

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

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Dan J. Willingham
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35056

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 21-23

Austin Lee Smith, 46
Austin Lee Smith, age 46 of Hartselle, passed away on Nov. 20, 2026 at his home. He was born on June 8, 1980 in Decatur, Alabama to Earthy "Buster" Smith and Carolyn Kirby Smith. Austin was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his step children, Joseph and Kayla Perry; his mother, Carolyn Smith; aunts, Alice Turner; uncle, Houston Terry. There are no services scheduled for Mr. Smith. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home assisting the family.

David Elmer Shoemaker, 85
Funeral service for David Elmer Shoemaker, 85, of Vinemont in the Blair Community will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethel Baptist Cemetery in the Blair Community, Revs Tommy Blackwood and David Estes officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. and also on Tuesday prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Shoemaker passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2026, at CRMC. He was born March 29, 1941, to Robert H. and Verna McAbee Shoemaker. He was a loving dad, grandfather and brother and will be greatly missed. David was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vetra Shoemaker; son, David Allen Shoemaker; brothers, Charles and Robert Shoemaker; sisters, Vilene, Joyce and Reba. Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Michael Shoemaker; sister, Gail (Virgil) Dotson; grandchildren, Payton Alexandria (Wayne) Partain, Keirsten Jewel Shoemaker; great-grandchildren, Willow Grace Partain, River Partain, Michael Partain; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Donna Joy White, 77
A memorial service for Donna Joy White, 77, of Hanceville will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Donna passed away Nov. 20, 2026, at her residence. She was born Oct. 1, 1949, to Donald Roscoe Hill and Joyce Elizabeth Goodson Hill. She is survived by her son, Guy Randall Blackwelder, Jr.; daughters, Cristi Dawn Easterwood, Karlee Ryan Brock (Aaron); sister, Kim Glenn; grandchildren, Karma Gardner (Stevie), Ella Brock, Michael Blackwelder, Matthew Blackwelder, Christopher Easterwood, Shauna Easterwood; great-grandchildren, Ezra Blackwelder, Rylee Blackwelder Link, Laylon Grant Gardner; family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Vicki Sartain. Donna had a big heart. She was a good grandma, she loved the beach, was a good caregiver, loved her house and working in the yard. Her door was always open and enjoyed cooking for everyone. She was a huge Alabama fan. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Lawson Perry Pace
Funeral services to honor the life of baby Lawson Perry Pace will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The family will welcome friends for visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home from 2:30-3 p.m. on Tuesday. We will lay Baby Pace to rest at Laodicea Cemetery in Hanceville following the funeral service. When in attendance for services we respectfully ask for you to wear light pink or light blue to reflect infant loss awareness. In addition; please refrain from wearing black. Once in a while children come into this world so special that the angels need these precious ones to sing in Heaven and light up the world from above. Lawson Perry Pace was born on Nov. 18, 2026, and passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, surrounded by the love of her family. Though her life was brief, she was deeply cherished and brought more love into our hearts than words can express. Lawson may not have stayed with us long, but she changed us forever. She taught us how deep love can be, how fragile life is and how powerful a small life can be. Her presence brought people together. She reminded us that every moment matters. There is no way to prepare for saying goodbye to a baby, but there is comfort in knowing that love does not end here. It remains in every memory, every prayer and every part of us. From the moment Lawson arrived, she changed everything. She reminded us how powerful love can be, even in the smallest moments. Though we did not have as much time as we wished, the love she gave will remain with us forever. She taught us that love is not measured in years, but in the depth of connection, and even the smallest life can leave the deepest impact. Lawson was preceded in death by her angel sibling, Finlee Gael Pace; cousin Madalyn Kate Doggett; aunt Kinzley "KayKay" Sheppard; great- great aunt Tammy Jordan Gaudette and her great pawpaw and namesake, Perry Anthony Pace along with her great grandparents, Leon Wayne Grund, Delia Nave Mann, Charles Leon Nave, Ethel Mae Clark, Clois Gut Clark Jr., Betty Jean McFarland Jordan, Newt Houston Jordan, and Loudell Leonard Paul and Great-Uncle Nicholas Clay Nave. She is survived by her parents, Shane and Sadie Pace, her three beautiful sisters, Oaklynn, Everly and Maylee Pace, all of Hanceville, Alabama; her grandparents, Jessica (Mike) Chapman, of Athens, Aalbama, Rodney (Michelle) Nave of Columbia, Tennessee, and Anthony (Danielle) Pace of Hartselle, Alabama; her aunts, Addison Grace Nave (Jamie Doggett) of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, and Emilee (Ben) Grissom of Hartselle, Alabama; her uncles, Austin Nave of Montgomery, Alabama, Austin (Elisabeth) Liones of Cookeville, Tenneseee, Jonathan (Elizabeth) Graves of Huntsville, Alabama, Taylor (Savannah) Davis of Town Creek, Alabama and Jordan (Sarah) Pace of Hanceville, Alabama; her great grandparents, Diane (Tom) Owens of Pulaski, Tennessee, Henry (Robin) Paul of Huntsville, Alabama, Deb (Walt) Cruse of Athens, Alabama, Deverl (Kathy) Nave of Athens, Alabama, Charlotte (Billy) Farr of Hanceville, Alabama and Barbara (Tom) Parks of Falkville, Alabama. She is also survived by a host of great aunts, great uncles and cousins. Today we grieve for what could have been, but we thank God and hold tightly to what was. Every moment mattered. Every second was precious. Lawson taught us what unconditional love truly means. She may have been small, but the space she holds in our hearts is immeasurable. Though we grieve the future we imagined for Lawson, we are grateful for every moment we were given. Her life was a gift and her love remains. Our beautiful baby girl will never be forgotten and will always be part of our family, our story and our hearts. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Psalm 139:13-16

Don Burke, 91
Funeral Service for Don Burke will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2026, at Temple Baptist Church in Cullman with military honors. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial at Alabama National Cemetery will take place at a later date. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2027, at Calvary Hill Church in Glassboro, New Jersey. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Donald Robert Burke, age 91, formerly of Paulsboro, New Jersey, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 18, 2026, at his home in Cullman, Alabama. Born on May 28, 1935, to Edward Burke and Frances Lipsett Burke, Don graduated from Paulsboro High School in 1953 before proudly serving his country in the United States Navy. He served aboard the USS Forrestal (AVT-59) during its maiden voyage and later aboard the USS Randolph (CVA-15). A memorable moment from his naval service came when his photograph appeared in the May 13, 1957, edition of Life Magazine, capturing him serving as a flight deck boss as he waved away an FJ-3 fighter aircraft on the deck of the Forrestal. Following his military service, Don began a distinguished 37-year career with Mobil Oil Corporation. Known throughout the trucking industry for his professionalism and commitment to safety, he was named Philadelphia Metro Complex Employee of the Year in 1979. He was a member of the National Safety Council Million Mile Club and received the prestigious Two Million Mile Safety Award from the American Trucking Association. Don's competitive spirit led him to the Truck Driving Championships, known as "Roadeos," beginning in 1978. A five-time New Jersey State Champion, he earned the title of ATA Mid-Atlantic Roadeo Grand Champion in 1983. The New Jersey Motor Truck Association named him Driver of the Year in 1989, the same year he was inducted into the National Private Truck Council Driver Hall of Fame. In 1991, he was inducted into the Pennsylvania Association of Champion Truck Drivers Hall of Fame. One story that perfectly captures Don's character occurred in 1963. While driving to work, he noticed a parked tank truck rolling unattended toward a busy intersection. Without concern for his own safety, Don leaped from his vehicle and attempted to stop the runaway truck. After an initial attempt failed, he climbed into the cab and successfully brought the vehicle to a halt just ten feet from a service station showroom occupied by several people. His quick thinking and courage likely prevented a tragic accident. Outside of work, Don was a devoted Philadelphia Eagles season ticket holder and an avid Phillies fan. He enjoyed playing men's softball, shuffleboard, darts, horseshoes, and line dancing. Don even taught country western line dancing at the Moose Lodge he attended. He was also a passionate supporter of high school wrestling and especially loved watching his son compete for Kingsway Regional High School. Don was also known as a "word man." He took great delight in entering his company's annual safety slogan contest, and often won with slogans such as, "Lead the way, be safe today," and "An unsafe minute has an accident in it." Yet all of Don's accomplishments pale in comparison to what he cherished most: his faith and his family. He was a faithful member of Calvary Hill Church in Glassboro, New Jersey, and attended Temple Baptist Church in Cullman after moving to Alabama in October 2025. Don adored his beloved wife, Catherine, with whom he shared 63 wonderful years of marriage. In all their years together, he never bought Catherine a store-made card, choosing instead to express his love through handwritten notes, poems, and heartfelt messages that reflected the affection and devotion he felt for her. He was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and faithful friend. Whether attending 4-H events, youth sporting events, dance recitals, or other activities, he could always be found cheering on his children and grandchildren. Affectionately known as "Pop," Don possessed a sweet spirit that won the hearts of everyone he met. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Diane Burke Whitley; sisters, Marie Burke Chew McNeill, Alice Burke Nolte and Ruth Burke; and brothers, Edward Burke Jr., Joseph Burke, Richard Burke, and Francis Burke. He is survived by his loving wife, Catherine Burke; daughter, Wanda Padgett; son, Charles (Carol) Burke; daughter, Kathy (Kevin) Lamastra; son-in-law, Shawn Whitley; grandchildren Jessica (Ian) Marcus, Cheyenne (Jonathan) O'Connell, Nicole Cooper, Danielle Burke, Salvatore Burke, Jacqueline Transue, Danny (Veronica) Lamastra, Christy (Troy) Lee, Thomas Griffith, and Sean Villari; along with a host of great-grandchildren, extended family members, and dear friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Calcutta Mercy in honor of Don's love for children. Donations may be made by sponsoring a child or by making a one-time donation through the ministry's website at www.calcuttamercy.org. Though he will be deeply missed, Don leaves behind a legacy of faith, courage, hard work, integrity, and love. His family rejoices in the assurance that he is now in the presence of his Savior, hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Like the Apostle Paul, Don can say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge. will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7

Connis Lee Story, 92
Connis Lee Story, 92, of Cullman, Alabama, passed on Nov. 19, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Eva Story; his daughters, Vera Wood (Tony), Brenda Allison (Robert), Beki Isom (Kenny), and Rhonda Burmester (George); his son, Jeff Story (The late Jeanette); and his brother, Verlon Story; 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and a host of other family members and friends. C.L. was preceded in death by his father, William Dewey Story; his mother, Rosella McCord Story; 11 siblings; and his first wife, Velma Story. A Celebration of Life Visitation was held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, on Nov. 23, 2026, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Funeral Service beginning at 1 p.m. A Committal Service was at Rock Springs Cemetery, 1905 County Highway 6, Blountsville, AL 35031, on Nov. 23, 2026, from 3-3:15 p.m. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James Herrell Aldridge, 71
James Herrell Aldridge, 71, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Nov. 21, 2026. Born June 28, 1955, in Alabama, Jim lived a life marked by steady devotion—rooted in faith, guided by hard-earned wisdom, and defined by the deep love he gave so freely to those around him. Jim attended West Elementary and Cullman Middle School and graduated from Cullman High School in 1973. As a young teenager, he met Donna while she was working as a waitress at the B&B Cafe, where his family would come in after church to eat. Their story began early, and their bond endured through 31 years of marriage. Jim retired from the City of Birmingham after more than 30 years of service as a data processor. Even in retirement, his dependable nature remained the same, and he continued working part time at Hanney's Lawnmower Shop. Above all else, Jim's greatest joy was his family—his children, his grandchildren, and his daughters-in-law, whom he cherished deeply. He is survived by Donna; sons Bryan (Jaime) Medlock and Chris (Telly) Medlock; grandchildren Kaylee, Beaux, Daylin, and Rayna Beck, Lakeley and Deklan Medlock; brother Allen (Carolyn) Aldridge; sister Shirley Aldridge; brother-in-laws Phil and Bobby Lindsey; sister-in-law Joy (Ray) Hall; and a host of nieces and nephews. Jim loved the Lord, and his faith shaped the way he loved others. He cared deeply about his family's salvation, holding close the hope of seeing them all in Heaven. He was a faithful member of Temple Baptist Church, where he treasured his Life Group family and gave of his time by handing out food for those in need—quiet acts of service that reflected a heart intent on making others feel seen, valued, and cared for. Jim enjoyed playing pool, fishing, and Alabama football, but it was his presence that people will remember most. He was known for a kindness that made others feel loved and appreciated, and for a warmth that could turn an ordinary moment into something memorable. Jim had a gift for laughter—often bringing it into a room with ease—and his stories, his quick humor, and the joy he carried will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Nov. 24, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home on Nov. 25, 2026, from noon-1 p.m. A Committal Service will follow at Cullman City Cemetery, Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, on Nov. 25, 2026, from 1-1:30 p.m. Jim's final resting place will be Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Shirley and Alex for helping care for Jim in his final days, and to Aveanna Hospice for their support and compassion. Special thanks are also offered to Jennifer, Erica, Cassidy, and Sean, and to Jaime for help with arrangements. Jim had a way of making people laugh, making memories, and leaving a little piece of himself with everyone he met. His stories may live on, his laughter may echo in our memories, and his love will remain with us always. Life will be a little quieter without him, but the memories he left behind will keep us smiling. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

George Lee Stephenson, 72
Funeral service for George Lee Stephenson, 72, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 27, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Baldwin Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Stephenson passed away Nov. 21, 2026, at his residence. He was born March 27, 1954, to Walter and Madgie Earline Dotson Stephenson. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, James and Phillip Stephenson. Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Jesse Stephenson; daughter, Cassandra (Brian) Carr; grandchildren, Jordan, Gabriel, Isabella, Olivia, Daniel, Mackenzie, Trista, Alexis, Bailee and Elijah; family and friends.

Patricia Marie Eddleman Hyland, 87
Patricia Marie Eddleman Hyland, age 87, of Shelbyville passed from this life on Monday, Nov. 16, 2026. Born on July 13, 1939, in Shelbyville, Pat was the daughter of the late Emma Marie Eddleman and the late Melvin Eddleman. Along with her parents, Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Hyland, and daughter-in-law, Dina Ragsdale. After graduating from high school in Cullman, Alabama, pat attended the University of Alabama where she was a member of the marching band. She moved to California and sold real estate, continuing this career with her uncle at Scott Shapard Realty. She moved back to Shelbyville in the early 90s to help care for her great aunt and great uncle, Pete and Lib Eddleman. She worked at National pen for 13 years as Telemarketing Sales Manager. Pat was an accomplished quilter and gifted many of her family and friends with her beautiful works of art. She was also an avid reader, enjoyed working puzzles and loved working in her flower garden. Pat enjoyed traveling, especially with her cousin, Barbara McAdams. Every Saturday, you could find her in front of her TV on her phone with her sister, Emmye, watching college football, especially the SEC games, and most especially the University of Alabama games. She was a faithful attendee and box holder at the Tennessee Walking Horse Celebration. Above all, Pat cherished her family and was usually the one who kept all of the family up to date with each other. She is survived by her son, David Ragsdale of Steamboat Springs, Colorado; sister, Emmye Eddleman Baker (Kerry) of Cullman, Alabama; niece, Stacey Ziegenbein (Nathan) of Cullman, Alaama; great-nephew, Carter Ziegenbein Of Cullman, Alabama; and many cousins and friends. A Celebration of Life graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, 2026, at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shelbyville - Bedford County Public Library or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Patricia, please visit our floral store.

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