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EDITORIAL

A Thanksgiving note to those who make local journalism possible

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As Thanksgiving approaches, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to acknowledge the people responsible for bringing news and information to our community each day.

The crew behind The Cullman Tribune, Cullman Today and Tribune Weather Command puts in a tremendous amount of work, much of which takes place outside the view of our readers.

From our reporters, photographers and videographers to those responsible for editing, designing pages, selling advertisements, delivering newspapers and maintaining our technology, each plays a significant role in what we are » PAGE 7

Vinemont opens Hart for Hunger food pantry in memory of Christian Hart



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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VINEMONT, Ala. – The Vinemont community has a new resource for families facing food insecurity with the opening of the Hart for Hunger food pantry, established in memory of Christian Hart, a young Vinemont student who tragically lost his life in 2019.

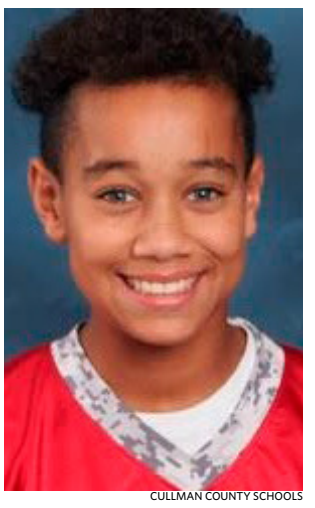
The project came to fruition through a collaborative effort among Vinemont's agriculture and science teachers, who worked together to write a grant to establish the pantry as a meaningful way to honor Hart's life while giving back to the community.

Unlike traditional outdoor food pantries, Hart for Hunger features a walk-in space equipped with refrigeration, allowing for the storage of both perishable and nonperishable food items. The addition of refrigeration provides an opportunity to offer families a wider variety of food, including fresh produce and other items that require temperature-controlled storage.

The pantry's opening comes at an especially meaningful time during the holiday season, when additional expenses can place financial strain on families already experiencing food insecurity.

Beyond providing food to those in need, Hart for Hunger serves as a lasting tribute to Hart and his family. Through the collaborative efforts of educators and the generosity of the community, his memory will continue to live on through acts of kindness and service to others.

The Hart for Hunger food pantry is located at Vinemont High School, 165 High School Road, Vinemont. For more information, call 256-734-0571.



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Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 25

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 25, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
November 19
• theft of property-4th degree; Academy Sports & Outdoors; general merchandise; $210; 2nd Ave. SW
• organized retail theft; Ross; general merchandise; $2,254; Cullman Shopping Center
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $100; Olive St. SW

November 21
• harassment; person

November 22
• theft of property-3rd degree; person; tools; $1,450; 2nd Ave. NE

November 24
• harassment; person

ARRESTS
November 23
Green, Charles K.; 36
• FTA – attempt to elude
• FTA – unauthorized use of vehicle

Bradley, Labrodrick K.; 37
• FTA – insurance violation

Graves, Camdace A.; 40
• theft of property-4th degree

Kanaday, Brandon H.; 34
• FTA – public intoxication

Dauksza, Matthew E.; 45
• FTA – driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

Incidents and arrests reported by CCSO.

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Cullman County included in $162K grant for low-income households

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Community Action Partnership of North Alabama will receive $162,259 to support services for residents with low incomes in Cullman, Lawrence, Marion, Morgan and Winston counties.

The funding is part of a round of Community Services Block Grants Gov. Kay Ivey awarded to 18 agencies statewide.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs did not specify how much of the five-county award would go to Cullman County or which local services it would fund.

"People experiencing financial hardship often struggle to get back on their feet and without assistance may feel that their situation is hopeless," Ivey said. "I am pleased to provide funds for these programs, which use a number of tools to guide people toward a better life."

The grants can support programs that help residents find work, continue their education or manage household finances.

Depending on local needs, agencies can also offer emergency help with food, housing and health services, along with programs for youth and families.

ADECA administers the grants with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in support of these programs designed to help lift people from poverty," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

ADECA lists a household income limit of 125% of the federal poverty level for the block grant program. Residents apply through the agency that serves their county.

Cullman County residents can call the partnership's local office at 256-734-5170 to ask what help is available and how to apply. The office is at 107 Second Ave. NE in Cullman.

Residents can also call the agency's main number at 256-355-7843 and dial 100 or visit www.capna.org.

City of Cullman seeking volunteers for Tree Commission

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The City of Cullman is seeking volunteers interested in helping preserve the natural beauty of the community through service on the Cullman Tree Commission.

Established in 1998, the Commission serves as an advisory board dedicated to preserving, maintaining and improving the city's trees and urban forest. Members help guide efforts to protect existing trees and support the continued development of Cullman's green spaces.

Trees play an important role in the community beyond their aesthetic appeal, providing shade, improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff and creating habitats for local wildlife. Maintaining a healthy urban forest can also help reduce temperatures during warmer months and contribute to the overall quality of life for residents.

The volunteer opportunity offers residents a chance to become more involved in local government while contributing to the preservation of Cullman's natural landscape for future generations.

Applicants must reside within Cullman city limits. The Commission meets at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of even-numbered months at Cullman City Hall, unless otherwise posted.

Those interested in serving on the Cullman Tree Commission can apply online at www.cullmanal.gov/170/Board-Application.

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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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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
• 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
• 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!
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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.

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.

NARFE Meeting
Monday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m. The Cullman Chapter of NARFE will meet at the Golden Corral Buffet. Members and guest will enjoy a " dirty Santa" gift exchange. Come and enjoy a Dutch lunch starting at 11, followed by the meeting at noon. Note: after this meeting we will reconvene on April 12, 2027.

H.R. (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Walk up to H.R. and watch his feet. This young German shepherd does a little tippy-tap dance when he sees you coming. He's glad for the company, especially if you can stay awhile.

H.R., The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is about a year old and available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

He has a black and tan coat, a short tail and one ear that folds over while the other stands tall. He may look rugged, but he's particular about what goes in his food bowl.

H.R. has a moderate energy level and could make a fine hiking buddy for someone who enjoys a little company on the trail.

There's something to be said for a quiet visit, too. Spend a few minutes watching him go about his business and the day's noise seems to fade.

H.R.'s adoption fee is $130 and includes neutering, vaccinations and microchipping.

To meet him, call the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5444 or visit 935 Convent Road NE in Cullman.

Has H.R. already been adopted? Don't worry! Many more pets are waiting for their forever homes, and your perfect companion may be among them.

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Championship (from Front)

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ADDISON, Ala. - Addison is back in the Class 1A state semifinals for the second consecutive season, this time with an undefeated record and a road trip standing between the Bulldogs and their first championship game appearance since 2005.

Second-ranked Addison (13-0) will visit seventh-ranked Loachapoka (11-2) Friday, Nov. 27, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m. The rankings reflect the Alabama Sports Writers Association's final regular season poll.

The winner will face either Maplesville (10-2) or McKenzie (12-1) in the Class 1A championship game at Hancock Whitney Stadium in Mobile. That game is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Friday will be Addison's first road game of the postseason. The Bulldogs opened the playoffs with a 55-13 victory over Fayetteville, shut out Sulligent 53-0 in the second round and defeated previously unbeaten Winterboro 35-22 in last week's quarterfinals.

Through those three games, Addison has outscored its opponents 143-35.

The Winterboro win required Addison to regain the lead twice after falling behind. The Bulldogs led 13-8 at halftime before Winterboro moved ahead 16-13 in the third quarter. Addison scored the next two touchdowns, then answered Winterboro's final score with a touchdown drive of its own.

Quarterback Elijah Roberts accounted for four touchdowns in the win. He completed 12 of 21 passes for 122 yards and two scores, adding 35 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Judah Wilkins contributed in both phases of the offense, catching three passes for 54 yards and a touchdown and rushing for 24 yards and another score. Scout Flynn also caught a touchdown pass, a 10-yard reception that helped Addison extend its lead to 35-22 late in the fourth quarter.

Addison's defense supplied four takeaways. Conner Lane intercepted two passes in the first quarter, Joey Wilson returned a third-quarter interception to Winterboro's 6-yard line and Avyus Stewart recovered a fumble. The Bulldogs followed Wilson's interception and Stewart's recovery with touchdown drives.

Loachapoka enters Friday after consecutive road playoff victories. The Indians defeated Meek 55-14 at home in the opening round, won 49-19 at Woodville in the second round and advanced with a 29-21 victory at Hubbertville last week.

The Indians have scored 133 points in their three playoff wins while allowing 54.

Loachapoka's offensive personnel includes senior quarterback Hayden Lipscomb and senior running back Lareaco Echols. Echols scored a rushing touchdown against Meek in the first round.

Winterboro provides one common opponent for the semifinalists. Loachapoka lost 22-10 at Winterboro Sept. 4, while Addison defeated Winterboro in last week's quarterfinal. The Indians' other loss came at Glenwood, 27-21 in overtime, in their regular-season finale.

Addison reached this same round last season before falling 22-14 to Wadley and finishing 12-2. A victory Friday would send the Bulldogs back to the championship game for the first time since their 2005 title season. Addison also won state championships in 1970 and 1976.

The semifinal is scheduled to stream on the NFHS Network.

PREP WRESTLING

Vinemont's Kline takes 2nd, Smith 4th at Dora Invitational

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Vinemont senior John Kline finished second at 190 pounds and senior Cooper Smith placed fourth at 144 pounds Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Dora Invitational at Dora High School.

The Eagles competed with 12 wrestlers and scored 79 points to finish eighth in a 17-team field.

Oak Grove won the tournament with 263 points, followed by Dora with 206 and Mortimer Jordan with 176, according to official results published by FloWrestling.

Kline opened with a 52-second pin of Gadsden City's Muhammad Khan in the quarterfinals before pinning John Carroll Catholic's Richard Bowron in 1:34 in the semifinals.

Mortimer Jordan's Jeriah Echols won the championship bout by fall in 2:33, leaving Kline with a 2-1 tournament record.

Smith went 4-2, opening with a pin of Oak Grove's Brantley Campbell in 3:40.

After a 14-4 major decision loss to Dora's Austin Gilmore in the quarterfinals, Smith recorded three consecutive pins in the consolation bracket.

He defeated Hale County's Kyle Davis in 1:43, teammate Gabe Hurtado in 59 seconds and teammate Garritt Weissend in 29 seconds. Gilmore defeated Smith again in the third-place match, earning a fall in 4:37.

Junior Noah Shedd, eighth grader Weissend and freshman Mason Tipton all reached the consolation semifinals.

At 285 pounds, Shedd finished 3-2 with pins of Gadsden City's Bentley Johnson in 2:58, Bob Jones' Joseph Evans in 1:23 and Hale County's Landon Mullen in 2:05.

Weissend reached the championship semifinals at 144 pounds after pinning Davis in 1:31 and Albertville's Cruz Ramos in 2:37. He finished 2-2 after losses to Mortimer Jordan's Lucky Giles and Smith.

Tipton also went 2-2 at 113, pinning Mortimer Jordan's Jackson Hodges in 1:36 and Oak Grove's Cason Daniel in 56 seconds.

Alex Pantoja went 2-2 at 157, with a 1:15 pin of Leeds' Colin Dixon and a 58-second fall against Childersburg's Evan Morgan.

Westin Lindsey (138), Hurtado (144) and McClain Roberts (150) each finished 1-2.

Lindsey pinned Albertville's Derek Abril in 4:49, Hurtado pinned John Carroll Catholic's Collin Shinick in 48 seconds and Roberts pinned Corner's Justin Edwards in 4:20.

Damon Tracy (132), Grayson Holcomb (215) and Rhylan Neave (285) each finished 0-2.

The Eagles recorded 18 individual wins by fall at the tournament, including two in bouts between teammates.

Vinemont returns home to face Corner and Madison County at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Vinemont High School.

The Eagles then travel to Susan Moore High School at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, for a meet featuring Ashville, J.B. Pennington, Southeastern, West End and host Susan Moore.

Power (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - Alabama Power customers on affected rate plans are scheduled to pay less for electricity starting with their January 2027 bills.

The utility reported an overall retail rate reduction of about $160 million in a Nov. 20 filing with the Alabama Public Service Commission.

Alabama Power estimates that a home using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month would save more than $50 a year, or a little more than $4 a month, if it uses the same amount of electricity.

At 750 kilowatt-hours a month, the company estimates about $40 in annual savings. At 2,000 kilowatt-hours a month, the estimate is about $106.

Eligible customers do not have to sign up. The change lowers the price of electricity rather than giving customers a one-time credit.

A household that uses more power can still get a higher bill even when the rate is lower. The company's examples are for homes, not businesses.

Alabama Power said the main reason for the cut is that it expects more revenue from large data centers in 2027.

The company's filing says those contracts cover the cost of serving the facilities and help pay for the power system already in place.

In a Nov. 21 statement, Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, credited Senate Bill 270 with making the reduction possible.

In a written response to questions from The Cullman Tribune, Gudger distinguished the revenue from earlier contracts from the customer protections established by the law.

"SB 270 strengthened the protections for customers and wrote them into state law. It did not create revenue from past contracts," Gudger said.

Sen. Lance Bell, R-Pell City, sponsored the bill, which took effect Oct. 1. The Senate passed it 30-0 in March and voted 33-0 in April to accept a House amendment on Gudger's motion.

The law applies to qualifying data centers expected to need at least 150 megawatts at peak demand.

In reviewing a contract, the Commission looks at whether its terms are expected to cover the added cost of serving the data center over the life of the deal and benefit other customers.

Lower costs for other customers are one possible benefit.

The law does not order a $160 million rate cut or set a date for one.

An Oct. 19 Commission order shows that regulators were already reviewing large data center contracts under a rate policy approved in 1996. The earlier reviews also considered added costs and benefits for other customers.

SB 270 made those protections part of state law for qualifying data centers.

The Commission's new rate policy, effective Nov. 23, allows up to 90 days for review, compared with 10 days under the original policy.

A contract can still be deemed approved if the Commission does not vote within 90 days. Certain contract details, including pricing analyses, remain confidential.

Gudger also pointed to an Oct. 16 Alabama Power request in Docket U-5504 that cites the new law. The company is asking the Commission for authority to treat part of certain large customers' charges as an accounting reserve to protect other customers if a project fails to meet its financial obligations.

The proposal changes how those charges are recorded; it does not call for depositing cash in a separate account.

While the reserve builds, those amounts would not immediately contribute to lowering rates.

Once most of the associated infrastructure is in service and the reserve and other financial protections exceed the remaining estimated risk, the company would begin releasing the reserve over time to reduce its cost of service.

Energy Alabama, a Huntsville-based nonprofit, supported the goal of the proposal in an Oct. 30 filing but sought more information about how the reserve would work if a customer defaults.

Alabama Power addressed those questions in a Nov. 20 response, saying the reserve would supplement existing contractual financial guarantees and remain subject to Commission oversight.

Gudger said the January rate calculation assumes the Commission will authorize the accounting request.

The Tribune confirmed the request and its reference to SB 270 but has not obtained the supporting calculations needed to verify that assumption or determine its financial effect.

The records establish a link between data-center revenue and the proposed savings, but they do not establish how much of the $160 million reduction, if any, is attributable specifically to SB 270.

The January rate cut does not permanently lock in the price of electricity. Alabama Power separately proposed extending its pause on increases under the annual rate formula through 2028.

A separate law, House Bill 475, bars increases before Jan. 1, 2029, to the retail base rates that were in effect Oct. 1, 2026. That protection does not freeze every charge on a customer's bill.

The Commission's public docket listed the Nov. 20 filings as pending as of Nov. 24. An informal review is scheduled for 9 a.m. Dec. 8 in Room 900 of the RSA Union Building in Montgomery.



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WVTM 13 Chief Meteorologist Jason Simpson, Hanceville Mayor Pro-tem Jana Shelton and the Grinch pose for a photo at Hanceville's 10th annual Tinsel Trail and Christmas Tree Lighting on Nov. 21, 2026.

Tree Lighting (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville residents and visitors had a pleasant surprise Saturday, Nov. 21, when WVTM 13 Chief Meteorologist Jason Simpson attended 10th annual Tinsel Trail and Christmas Tree Lighting at Veterans Memorial Park.

"I am honored to be here tonight. I am a (Holly Pond) Bronco, but I have spent so much time in Hanceville!" Simpson said. "Anywhere you are in Cullman County, you're home."

He noted that he and his family came to attend the lighting from Shelby County, saying, "It's all about family. It's so good to see the city behind this, the Civitan Club, the scholarships that you're doing – this is just amazing."

The Hanceville Civitan Club made sure to thank all the sponsors of the event. Organizers stated, "This has funded four scholarships."

Participants had hot chocolate and enjoyed cookies and other treats while seasonal music was sung by local band Cloudless Day. The Tinsel Trail features acres of holiday decorations and holiday wreaths and tree memorials for loved ones.

The Grinch also attended the Tree Lighting, but no goodies or trees were taken as Santa, Simpson and Council members stood guard!



Cullman Florist partnering with local nonprofits

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Cullman Florist is currently partnering with the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, donating a portion of every bouquet sold to the nonprofit.

Managers Steph Cook and Carla Fussell said they celebrated 60 years in business this year and are always looking for new ways to help local charities.

"We came up with the idea to pick a certain charity and bouquet then give back $15 from each bouquet sold to that charity," Cook said. "We also can add a donation to any bouquet if a customer would like to. There is information about the current charity under the 'give back bouquet' section on our website."

Charities are chosen and are spotlighted on the Cullman Florist website and social media for three to four months, Cook shared.

"We encourage the chosen charity to share on their website and social media also," she said. "We are always looking for ways to partner with and spotlight local small businesses and charities. We sell Karma's and Jubilee Kitchen and Bar gift cards. We offer paint and flower design classes with Emily (Bussman) at Sips n Strokes in the Warehouse District, as well as other collaborative efforts. If you have an idea or a need, reach out to us. We love our community and we are so thankful to get to give back when at all possible."

Fussell shared that they have efforts in place to better support small businesses in the community.

"We also will pay our employees one hour a week to volunteer with any of our local charities," she explained. "We work with Flourish (of Cullman) by employing Isaac Jackson. He was recognized last year as the Small Business Employee of the Year for the state of Alabama."

Readers can call the shop to make an order or purchase online.

Cullman Florist is located at 119 Fourth St. SE in Cullman. Call 256-734-0263 or visit www.cullmanflorist.com or www.facebook.com/cullmanflorist.



HANNAH ALLRED

Cullman Florist chooses a new nonprofit every three to four months, donating a portion of every bouquet sold.

Cullman (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council at its Nov. 23 meeting recognized Cullman City Schools and administrators for the system's recent academic achievement. Cullman City Schools earned a 97 on the Alabama State Report Card, up from a 96 reported in 2025.

"These things don't just happen. It takes years working toward this," Mayor Woody Jacobs told the audience as he welcomed administrators and school board members to the front.

Jacobs said Cullman City Schools' academic excellence plays a large role in Cullman's growth, saying it's important for those who are moving to the area.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said Cullman City Schools has always maintained an A average, but this year the system scored its highest grade since the start of the Alabama State Report Card in 2018.

Kallhoff spoke of two families who have relocated to Cullman within the last few months. "They want to be around Cullman because of the Strawberry Festival, Christkindlmarkt – all the things that are here, but they also have school-age children and they want their children in our school system," he said.

"That makes us proud!"

The Council approved entering into a contract with Motorola for radio equipment for Dispatch Communications. This would include ScoutCare radio software. The contract is not to exceed $12,583.92. According to the Council, ScoutCare gives the department the ability to update its radio systems and helps it maintain access to new releases and patches, keeping dispatch systems updated.

Resolution 2026-167 was adopted, designating department heads, effective Nov. 23, for one year, or, as the resolution reads, "until their successors are appointed by the City Council."

Department heads are:

- Jamie Troutman, Director of Economic Development
- Sam Dillender Sanitation Superintendent
- Scotty Talley, Street Superintendent
- Chris Freeman, Director of Utilities
- Joshua Brown, Garage Superintendent
- Brandon Lewis, Chief Building Official
- Christopher Dotson, Director of Risk Management
- Jacob Smith, Director of Information Technology
- Rothal (Clain) Fletcher, Right-of-Way Superintendent
- Erica York, City Engineer
- Kyle Clark, Operations Director of Parks and Recreation
- Nathan Anderson, Executive Director of Parks and Recreation
- Michelle Bates, Director of Human Resources
- Blake Lee Cockrell, Court Clerk
- Taylor England, 911 Communications Director
- Hannah Brown, Traffic Engineer

The Council reappointed Barry Slatton and Patricia Sharpton to the Cullman Tree Commission.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the City of Cullman received several bids for one or more 4WD crew cab trucks. Resolution No. 2026-169, which was adopted, awarded the bid to the lowest bidder, Bill Smith Buick GMC of Cullman, for $45,915.50.

The City of Cullman Alcohol Review Committee made a favorable recommendation to the Council regarding the Samu2017, Inc. Freeway Package Store located at 6390 Alabama Highway 157 NW for a "retail liquor off-premises" alcohol license. The Council approved the request.

Other approvals

- Ordinance No. 2026-54, rezones 98.13 acres at 455 County Road 587 in Hanceville from AG-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Residential District
- Ordinance No. 2026-57 annexes 39 acres just east of Northbrook Baptist Church on Alabama Highway 157 NE, currently under retail contract for retail, into the city limits as B-2 Business District; property owner Billy Jackson requested the annexation
- Ordinance No. 2026-58 annexes 5.7 acres located along U.S. Highway 278 East into the city limits as B-2 Business District; Two Brothers LLC requested the annexation to facilitate the future development of the site into a service station
- The Bearcat Classic 5K and Bearcat Mile will be held on Saturday, Jan. 2. The 5K will begin at 8 a.m. at Oliver Woodard Stadium located at 510 13th St. NE.



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Cullman City Hall

The next Cullman City Council meeting will be Monday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. following a 5:30 work session.

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Classrooms across Good Hope's four schools got an early Thanksgiving blessing Monday night, as the Good Hope City Council presented $15,200 in grants to teachers and staff at Good Hope Primary, Elementary, Middle and High schools.

The city received 25 requests totaling $56,649.52. Applications were reviewed by a committee made up of Council members Eric Phillips and Taft Dillashaw, Emily Paschall of Good Hope Elementary, Leslie Hembree of Good Hope Middle and Cullman County Board of Education Member Kerry Neighbors.

The grants will go toward everything from reading materials and new classroom furniture to a new washing machine and start-up costs for Good Hope High's first bowling team.

Good Hope Primary School – $5,535

- Cindy Pearson and Barbara Owen – $509 for a reading intervention wish list
- Marcia Stringer – $296 for first-grade class headphones
- Summer Higgins – $750 for new chairs and tables for K-2 special education/resource students
- Briana Schuman – $230 for literacy skills materials
- Tiffany Gambrill – $750 for a class set of alphabet arcs for K-2 reading
- Allie Sartin – $1,000 for kindergarten classroom materials
- Brittney Calvert – $2,000 for a pre-K outdoor play and learning space

Good Hope Elementary School – $3,217

- Raquel Rice – $500 for tennis balls for chair legs in special education
- Marlene Hancock – $500 for a special education reading area with floor carpet, pillows and a storage cabinet
- Library – $2,217

Good Hope Middle School – $4,368

- Olivia Wood – $2,000 for theatre costumes, sets and props
- Leslie Hembree – $668 for a new washing machine
- Elizabeth Taylor – $1,000 for yoga mats, free weights and resistance bands for PE and athletics
- Patrick Bates – $500 for the library's Occupational Outlook Handbook

Good Hope High School – $2,080

- Brandy Springer – $400 for flexible seating in the resource room
- Brandon Dingler and Janie Parson – $405 for an FFA/Leo Club Little Library kit and book donations
- Terri Baker – $525 to replace desks with tables in the special education resource room
- Deidra Wix – $750 for facility fees, equipment and start-up costs for the school's first bowling team

Other business

The Council took up two resolutions

Resolution 017-2026 adopts the 2026 update of the Cullman County Hazard Mitigation Plan, a multijurisdictional plan updated in accordance with FEMA requirements, and commits the city to carrying out the actions in the plan. The city participated in the update, and the plan will be updated at least every five years.

Resolution 018-2026 authorizes Mayor Jerry Bartlett to execute application documents for State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding of $1 million toward the city's sewer project, which the resolution says will help expand services to Good Hope residents.

The Council also approved the minutes of its Nov. 9 meeting and the city's October financial reports.

More

- A ribbon cutting for S & S Package LLC was scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 24
- The city's annual Community Thanksgiving Meal was Wednesday, Nov. 25
- Good Hope City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27, for Thanksgiving.
- The Good Hope Christmas Parade rolls at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, followed by Christmas in the Park.
- City hall will also be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Council's remaining meetings of the year are Monday, Dec. 14, and Monday, Dec. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Drive.



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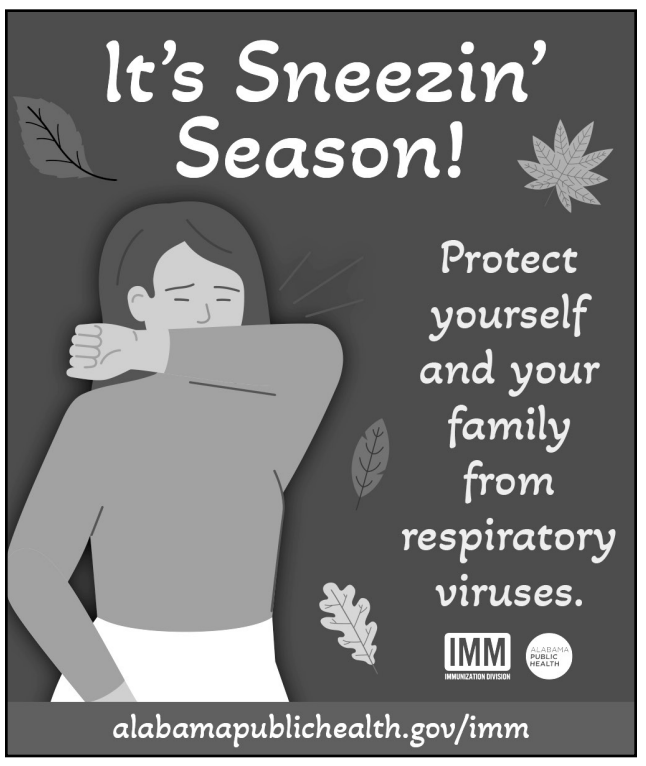
Good Hope teachers and staff hold their grant checks with city and school leaders at the Good Hope City Council meeting Monday, Nov. 23, 2026.





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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CHRISTOPHER WADE BOX,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900293.00**

KOREY ANNE NEBER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Korey Anne Neber, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Christopher Wade Box's Divorce Complaint by January 4, 2027, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case number 25-DR-2026-900293.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of November, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
BEVERLY POSTON
201 2nd AV SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING NOVEMBER 12th, 2026 PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

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CITY OF HANCEVILLE, AL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-AssignedOnPassage

AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the lst day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Bales Property Management, LLC zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #23-04-20-0-001-005.003, PIN #90775 be rezoned to R-2 Medium Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   A tract or parcel of land containing 7.89 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found capped corner (Conn-17831) marking the northwest corner of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 20, having an Alabama state plane, west zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N.1482804.33", E.2189468.97' and run thence South 00°28'28" East (bearing based on AL state plane, west zone, NAD 83 grid) and run along the accepted west line, a distance of 665.58 feet to a found 1" pipe marking the point of beginning; thence South 00°13'43" East a distance of 663.78 feet to the purported southwest corner of said quarter-quarter: thence South 89°54'22" E a distance of 358.66 feet to a found rebar: thence North 05°44'19" East a distance of 348.01 feet to a found capped corner (Conn- 17831); thence South 83°42'54" East a distance of 270.48 feet to a found capped corner (Conn-17831); thence North 00°24'29" West and run along the west line of the west half of said NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 a distance of 342.78 feet to a found capped corner (Conn-17831) marking the northeast corner of said west half; thence North 89°34'24" West a distance of 662.54 feet to the point of beginning.

   LESS AND EXCEPT all that part of the above described property that is within the right- of-way of College Drive.

   Description according to survey of Joseph E. Conn, III, AL Reg. no. 17831, dated January 4, 2025.

   Subject to the following:

   1. Transmission line easement conveyed to the United States of America recorded in Deed Book 518, Page 605 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

   2. Right of way for Hopewell Road.

   Subject to easements, set back lines, restrictions, covenants, mineral and mining rights and current taxes due.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

3. That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 10th day of December 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

4. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk or their appointee concerning said public hearing.

5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans, and any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

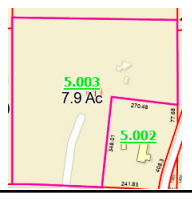
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

7. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described property is now zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

8. This ordinance adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026 after its publication as required by law, including notice and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Nolan Bradford
Mayor

Attest: Teja McIntyre MMC, MCIS
City Clerk



INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids for the construction of Project No. 285-R, Natural Gas Facilities Relocation, Section 1: The Shops at Kimberly will be received by the Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District, Owner, located at 321 Dana Road, Warrior, Alabama, until 2 P.M (local time) on Thursday, December 10, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work shall include the installation of the following approximate items of work and quantities of these items:

SECTION 1: 8" Steel Pipe (Open Trench), 906 L.F.; 2" PE Pipe, 1,320 L.F.; 8" Hot-Tap Connection (Line Stopper Fitting), 1 Each.; 2" PE to 2" PE Connections, 1 Each; 2" PE to 1-1/4" Connections, 1 Each; Cathodic Test Station, 1 Each and other miscellaneous necessary items.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained in electronic form from Gas Meter Engineers, Inc., 689 Highway 36, Chelsea, AL 35043 (telephone 205-678-6210).

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all informalities and technicalities therein. No Bidder will be allowed to withdraw his Bid, without Owner's consent, for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening.

Bidders must meet the "Cullman-Jefferson Counties Gas District – Approved Contractor Requirements" and submit required documentation with their bid.

Each Bidder shall be a licensed Contractor in accordance with the regulations of the State of Alabama and must include the license number, expiration date and classification on the outside of the sealed bid envelope.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
RONNIE SAMMIE LEE MARTIN, * CASE NO PC 2026-390
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: AMANDA TIDMORE, APRIL MARTIN, CRYSTAL MARTIN F/K/A/ CRYSTAL BERRY AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OF RONNIE SAMMIE LEE MARTIN

Verified Petition for Letters of Guardianship, filed by Chase Martin, Petitioner, through Attorney Annaleigh B. Holt has been scheduled for the **1st day of December, 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 23rd day of October, 2026.

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.

Annaleigh B. Martin
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

RE: THE ESTATE OF)
LINDA MARIE MOOSE) CASE NO. PC 2026-406
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of LINDA MARIE MOOSE, deceased, Having been granted to ANDREW SMITH, on the 17th day of November, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all person having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

/s/ANDREW SMITH
Administrator

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Please publish the above notice for three (3) successive weeks. Send Proof of Publication to Tammy Brown, Probate Judge, 500 2nd AVE SW #10, Cullman , AL 35055.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-229

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF EUEL RAY METHVIN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Euel Ray Methvin, Jr. on the 17th day of November, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Euel Ray Methvin, Jr.
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please cause the above notice to be published once a week for three successive weeks in said newspaper, and thereafter forward an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
CLARA JEAN BUCKELEW,) **Case Number: PC2026-443**
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Clara Jean Buckelew, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of November, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Gaylon Buckelew
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision on County Road 616 – move lot line- two lots
2. Conditional use request on Ellsworth Drive SW for a Bed & Breakfast
3. Short form subdivision McNabb Road SW
4. Conditional use request - 6349 Alabama Highway 157 NW - Motel to Multifamily Conversion

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

Township of Colony, AL

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

PUBLIC ROAD PROJECT: Repairs to Fields Road ½ Mile Long

Owner: Township of Colony

65 Byars Road Hanceville, AL 35077

Project Manager: Mayor Jasmine Cole

Invitation to Bid Date: November, Monday 30, 2026

The Township of colony is accepting bid for the repair of Fields Road, approximately one half mile.

Key Details: A chip seal or bituminous aggregate application designed to seal, waterproof, and extend the service life of existing asphalt or county road surfaces.

Polymer Additive: Often incorporates a polymer-modified binder to improve elasticity, aggregate retention, and resistance to cracking or stripping under traffic and weather stress. Type "JG" treatment.

Bids will be received in the Colony Town Hall until Monday, November 30, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid Documents". Inside the envelope should be a copy of the Contractors license, bid bond, itemized cost and work description.

Bid opening is set for Thursday, December 3rd at 12 pm (noon). Project to be completed by Friday, December 18, 2026.

Jasmine Cole, Mayor

Township of Colony

Pet Poison Helpline encourages a pet-friendly holiday season

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The Pet Poison Helpline is reminding pet owners that, before setting your table for the holidays, it is important to know what foods, seasonings and other items may be a risk for your pets.

Things that are not safe for your pets

• Onions, garlic, chives and scallions. (Yes, even this in seasoning should never be consumed by your pet)
• Grapes, raisins, currant and sultanas
• Alcohol
• Xylitol (artificial sweetener)

High-risk, holiday-specific foods

• Turkey, ham or chicken bones (This is a choking hazard and can lead to internal damage)
• Feeding fatty foods and gravy to your pet can lead to pancreatitis. When they digest these fatty foods it requires more pancreatic enzymes and overstimulates the organ, which can damage the organ if it were to become inflamed.
• Stuffing and casseroles (Contain onions and garlic)
• Foods with butter or oil (High fat content)
• Unbaked yeast or dough should also not be given to pets because it will expand in the gut causing bloat

Know the signs of food poisoning in your pets

• Vomiting or diarrhea
• Lethargy or weakness
• Loss of appetite
• Difficulty breathing
• Excessive drooling
• Tremors

Be aware of the things that can be dangerous for your pet.

If you are serving these items, ensure any table scraps are tossed in the trash and taken to your outside trashcan to prevent any incidents.

Pet-safe items (in small amounts)

• Plain cooked turkey, with no skin or bones
• Plain sweet potato
• Plain green beans
• Plain pumpkin, no pie filling

You can call the Pet Poison Helpline at 800-213-6680 and visit petpoisonhelpline.com to learn more.



Editorial (from Front)

able to accomplish.

There are early mornings, late nights, weekends spent covering events and occasions when plans change with little to no notice. News has never been particularly considerate of anyone's schedule.

I take great pride in the level of coverage our crew has been able to provide throughout 2026. From local government and investigative reporting to high school sports, community events and severe weather coverage, we continue to expand what we are able to offer the residents of Cullman County.

There is always room for improvement, and as we approach 2027, our goal is to provide wider coverage with an even more localized approach. Every municipality, every school and every community within Cullman County deserves attention. There are countless stories worth telling, and we intend to tell as many of them as possible.

I also want to extend my gratitude to our readers and subscribers. Your decision to trust us as your source of local news carries a responsibility we do not take lightly.

To our advertisers, thank you for continuing to support independent local journalism and the people who make it possible.

As publisher, I have the privilege of working alongside a wonderful group of people. I get to watch them develop their abilities, recognize their accomplishments and see the pride they take in their work.

I am very pleased to stand behind them as they continue to grow true local journalism in Cullman County.

For all the challenges that come with operating a newspaper, there remains a great deal to be thankful for.

Chief among them are the people I get to work with and the community we have the privilege of serving.

From all of us at The Cullman Tribune, Cullman Today and Tribune Weather Command, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 24-25

James Thomas Burnside, Jr., 93

James Thomas Burnside, Jr., age 93, of Decatur, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2026, at the Decatur Morgan Hospital Palliative Care Unit. Born on October 17, 1933, in Phenix City, Alabama, James was the son of James Thomas Burnside, Sr. and Reba Estelle Morris Burnside. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, James lived a life marked by faith, hard work, laughter, and love for his family. For more than 40 years, he was a faithful member of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Decatur. He was also a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for over 70 years, dedicating much of his life to his trade and fellow workers. James enjoyed many simple pleasures in life. He was an avid college football fan who proudly cheered for both Alabama and Auburn. He loved discussing politics, keeping up with current events through the newspaper, and engaging in conversations with family and friends. Above all, he will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and his ability to brighten any room. With just a few words, he could bring laughter and joy to those around him, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Ray Burnside and Charles Burnside. Those left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 67 years, Shirley Roberts Burnside; his son, Steve Burnside and wife Kathy; his grandchildren, Brent Burnside and Amber Webb and husband Tommy; and his great-grandchildren, Huntley Webb, Maelyn Webb, and another precious great-grandchild expected soon. A graveside funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2026, at Roselawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of service at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home. James will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him, but his legacy of faith, dedication, humor, and love for family will continue to live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

Martha "Wynell" Chandler, 94

On November 20, 2026, Martha "Wynell" Chandler 94, of Good Hope went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom she served faithfully her whole life. She was born on September 10, 1932 to Turner Arthur West. and Vertis O. Johnson (Scott) in Mississippi. She attended Hanceville High School and married her high school sweetheart, Harry Lee Chandler on November 7, 1950. They moved to Flint, Michigan that same year. She worked at Genesee Bank downtown Flint before having children. She and Harry headed the bus ministry at Corunna Road Baptist Church sang in a Christian Quartet and eventually attended Faith Missionary Church in Flint. After Harry retired from Buick Engineering, they moved back to Alabama and began attending Seventh Street Baptist Church, where she was a greeter and made an impact on the lives of each and every one who came through the church doors. Wynell loved her home, decorating, sewing and working out in the yard and garden. She loved garage sales and had two of her own every year. Above everything, she loved her family, attending all of their sporting events, band concerts and school functions. She carried on that tradition with her grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harry, her sister/brother-in-law Juanita and Billy Speegle, brother, T.A. West. She is survived by her Children, Randall (Denise); Lisa (Ken); and Tammie (Patrick); Grandchildren, Kelly, Chasen, Genna, Garrett (Janie), Olivia (Quinn), Ben and Dylan, and her first great grandchild Due in July 2027. Sisters-in-law, Carla, Linda, Eloise, Margie and Ruth, and numerous special friends, including Jim and Marsha Hight and her Seventh Street Baptist Church Family. Viewing will be held at the Cullman Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. She will lie in state on Wednesday at Seventh Street Baptist Church at 12:30 p.m. with the funeral beginning at 2 p.m. and Rev. John Crocker officiating. Interment will follow at Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

G. Dwayne Creel, 79

G. Dwayne Creel was born on July 18, 1947, and passed away on November 23, 2026. He grew up in Baileyton, Alabama, and called it home throughout his life. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia "Patsy" Camp Creel, and his parents, John Amon and Clara Creel. In his younger years, Dwayne worked alongside his father in the family's cabinet shop, where he developed a lifelong love of woodworking. He enjoyed his work in maintenance at Wallace State Community College, where he was employed for nearly 18 years. He also served his community as a reserve deputy with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office in the 1990s. Dwayne was a talented artist who enjoyed drawing and painting, and he loved playing the guitar, banjo, and piano. He was rarely seen without his beloved Boston terriers, Scooter and Suzie. Some of his favorite mornings were spent stopping by Shadix and Jack's to catch up with folks in the community. Dwayne is survived by his daughter, Kristy (Mike) Gay, and his son, Tim (Amanda) Creel. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and his brothers, Hank (Jennifer) Creel and Jerry Creel. He will be deeply missed by his family and all who knew him. Friends are invited to join the Creel family on Sunday evening, November 29th, 2026, for a time of visitation in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Graveside services are 1 p.m., Monday, November 30th, 2026, at Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery with Terry Blankenship officiating.Mr. Creel's obituary was written with love by his family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Creel family.

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Reminder: Baileyton to light its Christmas tree Friday, Dec. 4

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BAILEYTON, Ala. – The Town of Baileyton is already counting down to Christmas. Once the Thanksgiving leftovers are packed away, families can head to Baileyton Town Park, 390 Fire Station Road, for "Christmas in Baileyton," the town's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, on Friday, Dec. 4.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m., and the tree lighting ceremony begins at 6.

Santa Claus will make a special guest appearance, so be sure to bring the children and a camera for pictures with him.

The Town Council has been busy getting ready, with reports at its Nov. 2 meeting on the park's Christmas tree and Christmas street lights, and plans for everything from the ceremony itself to the star that will top the tree.

Baileyton welcomed as many as 1,000 to 1,500 children, plus their family members, friends and neighbors, to its first Harvest at the Park on Oct. 31. Now, the town hopes to see that same hometown spirit as it lights up the season together.

If you go

- What: Christmas in Baileyton Tree Lighting Ceremony
- When: Friday, Dec. 4. Gates open at 4:30 p.m.; ceremony at 6
- Where: Baileyton Town Park, 390 Fire Station Road
- Who: Family members, friends and neighbors of all ages, plus a special visit from Santa Claus

For more information, contact Baileyton Town Hall at 256-796-6447.

Graced by Fashion Boutique talks Christmas trends, Black Friday deals

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Christmas inventory at Graced by Fashion as shown by Krystle Alloway

CULLMAN, Ala. – Graced by Fashion Boutique officially opened in January 2026, aiming to provide all-inclusive fashion to Cullman.

Owner Krystle Alloway told The Tribune, "Our collection is carefully curated to ensure that everyone can find something they love. We believe that fashion is a form of self-expression and we are dedicated to providing a diverse range of styles to suit every individual. With a focus on quality and inclusivity, we strive to create an exceptional shopping experience for all."

Alloway stated she has lived all over the east coast in places such as New York City, New Jersey, Florida and more. "I've lived in a lot of places, shopping in a lot of places."

When she moved back to Cullman for family, she shopped at many local boutiques. She remarked that the city has a great variety of options: "Absolutely fabulous."

This gave Alloway the inspiration to open a boutique for those who want affordable clothing and to feel confident in what they wear.

"At times I've had this feeling that if I wasn't dressed up, I didn't belong. I never want anyone to feel like that," she said. "I opened Graced by Fashion as a place where, no matter if you're dressed up or it's your day off and you're more casual, like I am most of the time, we will welcome you! No matter what, we will help you!"

The Graced by Fashion crew also helps customers customize outfits. "If you see a pair of pants that you love and don't know what to put with it that matches your personal style and comfort, we've got you!"

She added, "We just want people to leave happier and feeling better about themselves than when they got here. Not the opposite!"

Alloway expressed her desire to keep her boutique affordable. Some boutiques mark up their clothing by roughly 30% or more, but she said Graced by Fashion keeps a fair price to do right by the community it serves.

She also continues to provide as many sizes as possible for those who are shopping for plus-sized options. "I put a lot of effort in finding things that are good quality, good brands and that I can get in larger sizes. Anything I can get up to a 2X I will."

The brands Comfort and Lulu Mac, which are two of her best-selling brands, can be found in the store in larger sizes. Alloway noted that if a specific color or size is desired by the customer, she will order it for them if available.

"The Christmas season is a lot of fun! I love being able to help people come in look for clothes for an office party or a formal party. We love it!" she exclaimed.

As far as Christmas fashion trends, Graced by Fashion reported that Army-style jackets are in. The s two in-stock to prepare for the upcoming holiday season, though Alloway noted that she is always on the lookout for inventory demands and updates.

Though if you're looking for something more casual, holiday Lulu Mac sweatshirts and leggings are a great go-to.

The boutique also carries smock-necks for a more business casual approach.

For Black Friday, the boutique is offering the first 20 customers who spend over $200 a Lulu Mac bag, valued at $80 per bag, and gift card.

Clearance racks will be set up outside starting at 50% off.

There will also be a progressive discount system. If you spend $100 you will get 10% off, $150 is 15% off, %200 will be 20% off their total and so on.

You can visit Graced by Fashion Boutique at 1801 Cherokee Ave. SW, Suite C, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.



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