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Gudger files legislation to repeal resort development and annexation

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, has pre-filed legislation for the 2026 regular session that will repeal Senate Bill 322, block the annexation of land and prevent the creation of a community development district for a proposed resort project on Smith Lake. Gudger is expected to officially announce the move on Saturday.

"Residents in the Smith Lake area have made it clear that this is the wrong project in the wrong place with the wrong incentives, and it is my job as state senator to stand tall for my constituents' beliefs and desires," Gudger said. "Cullman County is a special place to live, work, worship and raise families, and we have to preserve the unique qualities that make it so special."

Gudger serves as president pro tem of the Alabama Senate, a position that allows him significant influence over the body and its » PAGE 5

Cullman Christian School purchases Beech Ave. property



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Christian School has officially purchased the Beech Avenue property it has called home since 2020. The occasion was marked by a ribbon cutting with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Christian School has officially purchased the Beech Avenue property it has called home since 2020. The school purchased the property from the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (CCCDD) for an undisclosed amount, according to school officials. The occasion was marked by a ribbon cutting with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

Cullman Christian School first opened its doors with 68 students in the basement of East Side Baptist Church in 2006. It began as a kindergarten through eighth-grade program and eventually expanded to a Pre-K through 12th-grade school.

Since the beginning, the school has faced its fair share of challenges, including the 2011 tornado that destroyed East Side Baptist Church, forcing the school to relocate multiple times.

In every season of uncertainty and despite all obstacles, school leaders said, God remained faithful to provide.

With support from local churches like The Refuge Church and the Cullman Church of the Nazarene, Cullman Christian School was able to finish that school year and continue its mission.

For several years, Seventh Street Baptist Church graciously offered the school a home, until 2020—when, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, school leaders said God led the school in a new direction.

The school entered a lease agreement with the CCCDD and moved into its current location on Beech Avenue.

"While this relocation may have been perceived as unconventional and risky by some, we walked in faith, trusting in Him and motivated by how to increase our impact for Him," school officials shared.

Cullman Christian School has continued to grow and thrive.

In 2023, it expanded to a second campus at the Desperation Church Student Center, and it has now finalized the purchase of the Beech Avenue property, which allows the school to begin planning for further development and long-term growth.

School officials said this is a testimony to God's faithfulness, the power of prayer and the unwavering support of a Christ-centered community.

Cullman Christian School's Beech Avenue campus is located at 1803 Beech Ave. SE.



From practice fields to Friday nights: Area bands marching toward fall



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 1

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 1, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 28

- theft of property; 838
- assault; Hwy. 69N
- criminal mischief; menacing; CR 1202
- harassing communications; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; Midfield Dr.
- domestic violence; assault; Hwy. 67
- burglary; CR 1202
- criminal mischief; menacing; CR 1202
- domestic violence; CR 1855
- criminal mischief; domestic violence; CR 1082

July 29

- criminal mischief; Chad Dr.
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; CR 1311
- theft of property; CR 5
- theft of property; CR 1136
- domestic violence; Day Gap Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 1339
- sell-distribute drugs; CR 1435

July 30

- criminal mischief; CR 825
- theft of property; possession of drug paraphernalia; Arkadelphia Rd. NW
- harassing communications; CR 601
- violation of protection order; CR 38
- domestic violence; Neptune Dr.
- theft of property; CR 1836

ARRESTS

July 28-30

Beckum, Bryant A.; 32
- FTA – auto theft

Campbell, Terry D.; 61
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cook, Michael S.; 49
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Cox, Cheyanne E.; 24
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Davis, Michael C.; 36
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

George, William B.; 43
- GJ – fraudulent use credit/debit card (3 counts)
- GJ – theft-grand jury arrest warrant, $500-less than $1500
- GJ – illegal possession of food stamps

Gillis Smith, Patricia L.; 35
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Herron, Patrick S.; 37
- aggravated criminal surveillance

Keller, Daniel C.; 22
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McBride, Latrell S.; 26
- unauthorized use of other vehicle-no force

McCown, Katelynn M.; 31
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- resisting arrest

Nunnelley, Jacky L.; 50
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

Randles, Savanah N.; 21
- public intoxication

Schofield, Alexis C.; 22
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Silva, Meredith L.; 43
- auto theft
- DUI (alcohol)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stallings, Christi L.; 45
- FTA – DUIA

Sturgeon, Rachel N.; 36
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine

Swann, Branden M.; 27
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Ware, Amira N.; 35
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Whitehead, John R.; 25
- assault-elder abuse and neglect-2nd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 25
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $4; Olive St. SW

July 27
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '21 Volkswagen; $300; Hwy. 157

July 30
- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment

ARRESTS

July 30

Denney, Jefferey A.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Aaron, David A.; 37
- FTA – expired tag

Schrader, Jason R.; 46
- DUI

Beckum, Bryant A.; 32
- FTA – attempt to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MICHAEL LEE SIMMONS, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2025 - 260

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL LEE SIMMONS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Ruby Cornelius on the 24th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Ruby Cornelius, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *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)
EDWARD E. CHANDLER, JR.) CASE NO. PC 2025 - 259
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Sharron Chandler as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edward E. Chandler, Jr., deceased, on the 30th day July, 2025, 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.

Sharron Chandler
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
Attorney for Personal Representative

SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **Jeronimo Silva, Sole Member Manager of ST. SEBASTIAN ESTATES, LLC, an Alabama limited liability company,** dated October 10, 2024, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 2099, Page 826, last assigned to **SMHI Investments, LLC**, recorded at Mortgage Book 2128 Page 826 ; and the undersigned SMHI Investments, LLC, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on August 29, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 7, according to the map and plat of San Antonio, as recorded in Plat Book 2019, Page 44, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Source of Title: Deed Book 668, Page 307

Property address: No 911 address, located on San Antonio Dr., Cullman, AL

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, rights of ways of record.

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This property will be sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

SMHI Investments, LLC
By: Nancy F. McClellan, Attorney
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE The Estate of)
)
DAVID MORTON, also known as) CASE NO PC 2025- 235
DAVID AARON MORTON)
)
DECEASED)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Patrick Morton as Personal Representative of the Estate of David Morton, deceased, on the 30th day of June, 2025, 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

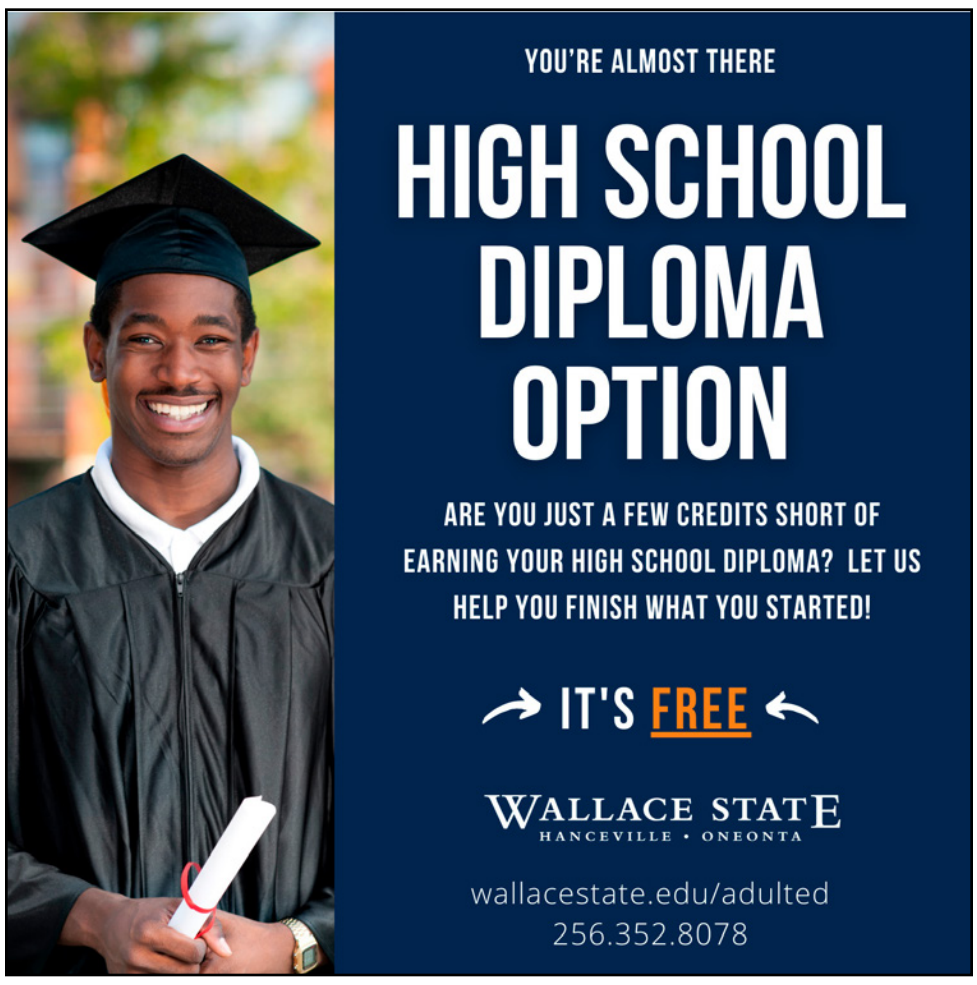
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David Morton, deceased

TO **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate

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Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

SAVE THE DATE! Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Table for eight for $450. Tickets available from Jennifer Limerick (256-201-2521 or jenniferalrealtor@gmail.com) or Judy Grissom (256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com) or www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com. Benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

Music Every Thursday Night in February at the Bethel Community Center
4-8 p.m. at the center, just off U.S. Highway 278, west of Cullman on County Road 1117. Bluegrass, gospel and country music. Musicians are welcome with acoustic instruments only. Covered dish supper and everyone is invited. Please join us! No entry fee, but donations are appreciated for building upkeep.

Grief Support Group: Broken Heart Repair
Sessions on Sundays at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 615 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For more information contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962-2521.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
- 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Saturday, Aug. 2 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
- Sunday, Aug. 3 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. 2 p.m. prayer service.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville
- Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6, from 10-11 a.m. Annual Minecraft Open House with games, crafts and activities.
- Wednesday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m. Back-to-school storytime and surprises
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. The North Alabama Agriplex will present Everything About Sunflowers.
- Wednesday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m. Local art club will have a craft, along with storytime.
- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m. Storytime, plus book club will start back, and the summer reading program contest comes to an end.
- Friday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m. Poetry Night

Heartland Quilt Guild Quilt Show
Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. Cullman. Admission is $10 for adults, $5 for children.

Bibles & Backpacks
Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Commissioned for Christ will give out free Bibles, backpacks, food, haircuts and more. Followed by prayer and worship. Children must by present. While supplies last.

Annual Sinyard Family Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m., at the Moody Center in Hanceville. There will be a covered dish lunch at noon. For more details, call Chairman Allen Jennings at 256-735-6448.

Fairview Class of 1965 Class Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Gold Ridge Community Center. For more info, contact Judy Robertson at 256-385-1755.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building from 6-9 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat-in or take-out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Lions Club project fund and the food pantry located between town hall and the fire department. Come join us! Thank you in advance for your support.

Christmas in September Sale
The Sacred Heart Altar Society and Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Church in Cullman are having their "Christmas in September" sale on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 7 a.m. until and after each mass on Sunday, Sept. 6, in the church Family Life Center. The sale is to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society in Cullman. Gently used decorations from all holiday seasons will be for sale.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
AUGUST 2, 2025

Wallace State experiences historic success with 4 first-year coaches leading the charge in 2024-25

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College embraced a new era of leadership across its athletic programs, with four new head coaches stepping into prominent roles for the 2024–25 academic year. While each brings a unique background and approach, Faron Key (men's basketball), Joseph Simmons (women's basketball), Sallie Burch (softball), and Kayland Wilson (men's golf) all share a deep-rooted connection to Alabama athletics and a shared goal of continuing Wallace State's tradition of excellence.

Faron Key: Coming Home to Lead the Lions

Faron Key's return to Wallace State as head men's basketball coach feels more like a homecoming than a new beginning.

A former Lion himself, Key played at Wallace State in the mid-1990s before going on to a decorated career as a high school head coach. His most recent stop was at Hartselle High School, where he became the winningest coach in program history.

Hired in May 2024, Key wasted no time getting to work, quickly building rapport with players and instilling a fast-paced, disciplined style of play. His leadership paid immediate dividends, guiding the Lions to a 26-6 record with an Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Championship and a berth in the NJCAA Division I National Tournament in his first season. The team's late-season surge and strong postseason performance proved that Key's transition to college coaching was seamless and impactful.

"This isn't just a job," Key said at his introductory press conference. "This is where I became a better player and a better man. Now I get to help others do the same."

Joseph Simmons: Reigniting the Lady Lions

On the women's side, Joseph Simmons returned to Wallace State with a track record of success and a strong connection to the school. Simmons previously served as an assistant for the men's basketball program from 2006 to 2010, helping lead the team to multiple conference titles and national tournament appearances.

Taking over the Lady Lions in 2024, Simmons brought renewed energy and structure to a program with a proud history. In his debut season, he guided Wallace State to a 29-5 record and the ACCC Tournament title, its first since 2011. He also led the team to the NJCAA National Tournament second round. His emphasis on defense, tempo, and team culture quickly turned the program into a contender once again.

"It's about building something sustainable," Simmons said. "Wallace State has the talent, resources, and community support to be a national power in women's basketball again."



WSCC

Wallace State coaches Faron Key, Joseph Simmons, Sallie Burch and Kayland Wilson.

Sallie Burch: From Champion Player to Head Coach

When Wallace State named Sallie Burch its new softball head coach in June 2024, the program got more than a proven leader; it got one of its own. Burch played for Wallace State from 2007–08, helping lead the Lions to a national championship. She went on to play at Jacksonville State University and later built her coaching resume at both the high school and collegiate levels.

Burch takes over a program rich in tradition but seeking stability after multiple coaching changes in recent years.

She led the Lions to a 52-15 record, the regular season ACCC Championship, and a berth in the NJCAA Softball World Series, where they finished third.

"Wallace State changed my life as a player," Burch said. "Now, I want to give that same opportunity to the next generation of Lions."

Kayland Wilson: Swinging Into the Future

Rounding out the group of new faces is Kayland Wilson, who took the reins of the Wallace State men's golf program in 2024. A former college golfer and seasoned instructor, Wilson brings a blend of competitive experience and player development expertise to the program.

Her arrival comes as Wallace State golf looks to reclaim its position among the elite in Alabama and NJCAA competition.

Wilson emphasizes fundamentals, mental toughness, and consistent course management, all traits she hopes will define the next generation of Lions golfers.

She led the Lions to the NJCAA Men's Golf National Tournament, where they finished in the top 20 teams.

"Golf is a game of discipline and resilience," Wilson said. "Those values align perfectly with what Wallace State represents."

A Unified Vision

With four new head coaches leading programs with championship legacies, Wallace State experienced a rare moment of transition, but not one of uncertainty. Instead, the college doubled down and hired leaders with local ties, institutional knowledge, and a hunger to win.

Athletic Director Paul Bailey noted, "Each of these coaches understands the Wallace State culture.

"They know what it means to wear the Lions uniform, whether as a player, assistant, or community leader. They're not just coaching teams, they're shaping the future of our athletic tradition."

As the 2025 season unfolded, one thing was clear: The Lions' pride is stronger than ever. And under the guidance of Key, Simmons, Burch, and Wilson, Wallace State's best days may still be ahead.

Deadlines (from Front)

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Sec. of State Wes Allen this week reminded Alabama voters that municipal absentee election managers must receive mail-in absentee ballot applications for the Aug. 26, 2025, Municipal Elections by Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2025. The deadline to return an absentee ballot application in person is Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025.

Absentee ballots being returned in person must be received by the municipal absentee election manager by close of business on the day before the election, Aug. 25, 2025.

Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received no later than noon on Election Day, Aug. 26, 2025.

"Absentee voting is a vital component of our elections process.

"Preserving the integrity of absentee voting is of utmost importance to my office," Allen explained.

"That is why I have fought to protect Alabama voters against bad actors who profit off of absentee elections through the passage of SB1 and assisted law enforcement in the prosecution of absentee ballot fraud."

It is recommended to mail in your absentee ballot application and absentee ballots at least two weeks before the deadline for municipal absentee election managers to receive them.

Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification before voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot.

For more information on absentee voting in Alabama or to download a municipal election absentee ballot application, visit www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

Municipal Absentee Election Manager contacts can be found at https://alm.imiscloud.com/ALALM/ALALM/About/ALM-Municipal-Directory.aspx.

Learn more about photo voter ID requirements or get your free photo voter ID at www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/photo-voter-id.

Run (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County (FPLCC) is hosting the Spooktacular Storybook 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Oct. 25.

FPLCC President Julie Freeman said she encourages the community to bring the whole family for a fun-filled morning of costumes, running and community fun to support the Cullman County Public Library System.

The 5K will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the fun run at 8:30. A costume contest will follow the Fun Run, with prizes for kids and grown-ups in their best storybook looks.

Awards will be given to the top three women and top three men runners. There will also be an award for the best costume.

"You can dress as your favorite storybook character and also help support programs that keep our library magical all year long," Freeman said. "This is actually our second race. Our first one was back in spring of 2024. A lot of runners that participated loved the event, but suggested moving it to the fall. Since we add in the storybook costume element, we figured October would be perfect. With the last 5K we didn't do chips and that was another thing that a lot of runners said they wished we had, so this year some of our fantastic board members got us set up with Running Lane, who is going to be doing the timing for us."

Runner registration is live now. Until Aug. 25, it is $25 for the 5K and $15 for the Fun Run. Runners will receive shirts, chips and bibs. Prices will increase to $30 for the 5K and $20 for the Fun Run after the 25th, but runners will still receive shirts.

Sponsor tiers are primarily monetary, and those levels range from $100 to $1,000, with a range of perks and recognition for each tier.

"We have had businesses purchase the snacks and refreshments and a few give gift certificates as well," Freeman said. "All of it helps to make this event incredible, and allows us to make more money that will go into funding the library."

With the library's capital campaign being such a big project, Freeman said the FPLCC was just trying to brainstorm fun ways to raise funds.

"We got the idea to do a 5K, and since it's for the library storybook just seemed to make the most sense," Freeman said.

"We loved the idea of dressing up and adding in the Fun Run to make it a fun event for all ages and activity levels. Lace up for the library's 5K as we make strides literally and figuratively toward building a new facility.

"Every step you take supports our capital campaign and helps bring us closer to a library that serves our growing community."

• Learn more about the library's capital campaign at https://sites.google.com/cullmanlib.org/ccpls/donate

• Register for the race at https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Cullman/SpooktacularStorybook5k1MileFunRun

• If you're Interested in sponsoring the race, sign up at https://givebutter.com/Spooktacular5k





Cullman City School Board meeting notes: July 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City School Board met July 28 to discuss personnel matters and action items before the start of the new school year.

Approved action items included the renewal of the dual credit agreement between Cullman High School and Wallace State Community College. This agreement allows eligible students in grades 10 through 12 to earn college credit while still in high school. The deal outlines procedures for students to take Dual Enrollment classes either on Cullman High's campus or at WSCC. Students are required to have at least a 2.5 unweighted GPA and receive approval demonstrating academic readiness to qualify.

College-level courses are reflected on transcripts as credit-bearing classes. While families are generally responsible for tuition, fees and materials, WSCC often secures a grant that waives these costs for students who enroll before the annual spring deadline. The program includes both core academic subjects like English and math, as well as career technical options.

A detailed personnel report was also discussed at the meeting. Resignations were accepted from Kristen Edge and Emily Smith, who served as special education instructional assistants. Several staff transfers were approved, primarily involving Head Start personnel relocating to Cullman City Primary School Pre-K positions.

Conditional employment offers were extended for instructional assistants, teachers and child nutrition staff. Several stipends and supplemental assignments for the 2025-2026 school year were also approved, covering areas like mass media, Interact Club, math team and athletic coaching. The board also approved multiple contracts related to the Extended Day Program and Child Nutrition Program for the upcoming school year.

The Cullman City School Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 5 p.m. at the main office at 301 First St. NE.

Gudger (from Front)

deliberations, and he pledged to make quick passage of his repeal legislation a top priority during the 2026 regular session, which convenes in January.

"Issues that are important to the residents of my district are issues that are important to me, and I pledge that this repeal will be passed by the Senate and sent to the House as soon as possible," Gudger said. "All of us who hold public office have a deep obligation to represent the citizens we swore an oath to serve."

Bands (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Band students all across Cullman County have been working hard from early mornings to late at night, marking drill sets, memorizing music and mastering techniques during their summer band camps. Each school has its unique approach to learning, but high energy and commitment to the art are shared across the county.

Cullman High School
Under the direction of Christopher Smith, Cullman High's Bearcat Marching Band debuted a sneak peek of its 2025 halftime show during a recent camp preview on July 18. The theme, "Metallica: Seek and Destroy," will feature popular tunes such as "For Whom the Bell Tolls," "Wherever I May Roam" and many more.

Even though some had only a week of marching experience, the students impressed the audience with their quick progress and enthusiasm. This year's show will be both dynamic and bold, and the preview closed with the band performing favorite stand tunes to energize families and fans for the upcoming football season.

Holly Pond High School
Under the direction of Steven Porter, Holly Pond's Bronco Band ran a rigorous 8 a.m.-8 p.m. schedule during "drill week," placing the show on the field and building stamina.

"We played through the first two songs already on the second day," Porter said. "The kids are terrified of the 8 to 8s at first, but at the end of the season, it's all worth it."

Porter said he expects the whole show to be performance ready by the school's football opener on Aug. 15 – a jamboree game against J.B. Pennington.

Vinemont High School
At Vinemont High, Skylar King is led students through a two-part band camp: a mini camp focused on music and fundamentals, followed by a full camp packed with drill and marching practice.

This year's show, "Out of This World," features a creative mix of classical and modern music, including "Also sprach Zarathustra," "Black Hole Sun," "Mad World" and "Total Eclipse of the Heart." King praised the band's strong school spirit and community support.

Good Hope High School
Jeremy McFall is stepping into his first year at Good Hope with a rock-themed show titled "Rock U," short for Rock University.

"It's aggressive, intense and in your face — everything rock and roll should be," McFall said.

With the drill set to begin this past week, McFall praised the band's positive chemistry and commitment. Good Hope's first public performance will be at its Aug. 29, home game against West Point.

Fairview High School
Band Director Nathan Kilgo is beginning his 28th year at Fairview. Last week, he oversaw the integration of drill and music after beginning with fundamentals the week prior.

"This group is very enthusiastic," Kilgo said. "Everybody wants to be here."

The Aggies' first game appearance is scheduled for Aug. 22, at Fultondale.

West Point High School
Now marching 89 students from grades seven through 12, Band Director Thad Walker is leading the West Point Warrior Band into its most theatrical show yet.

Titled "Eternal," the show explores enduring themes through music such as "Bring Me to Life" (Evanescence), "Lovely" (Billie Eilish), "A Million Dreams" and "Thanks for the Memories" (Fall Out Boy).

"Our band is tight," Walker said. "Everybody has a place and a role on Friday night."

Hanceville High School
Hanceville's show this year is titled "It's Alive," a creative production inspired by the Frankenstein story.

"We're kind of taking the Frankenstein concept and creating a monster throughout our show," said Band Director Jesse James.

The musical selections range from classical pieces to "Pure Imagination" and close with "Bring Me to Life" by Evanescence. "At the end of the show, our monster comes alive — and the kids are loving it so far," James said.

Cold Springs High School
At Cold Springs, Zach O'Bryant is directing a show called "Super Bowl Show Stoppers"—a crowd-pleasing medley of iconic Super Bowl halftime hits. Music from Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, Prince and more will fill the field, performed by a young and determined group.

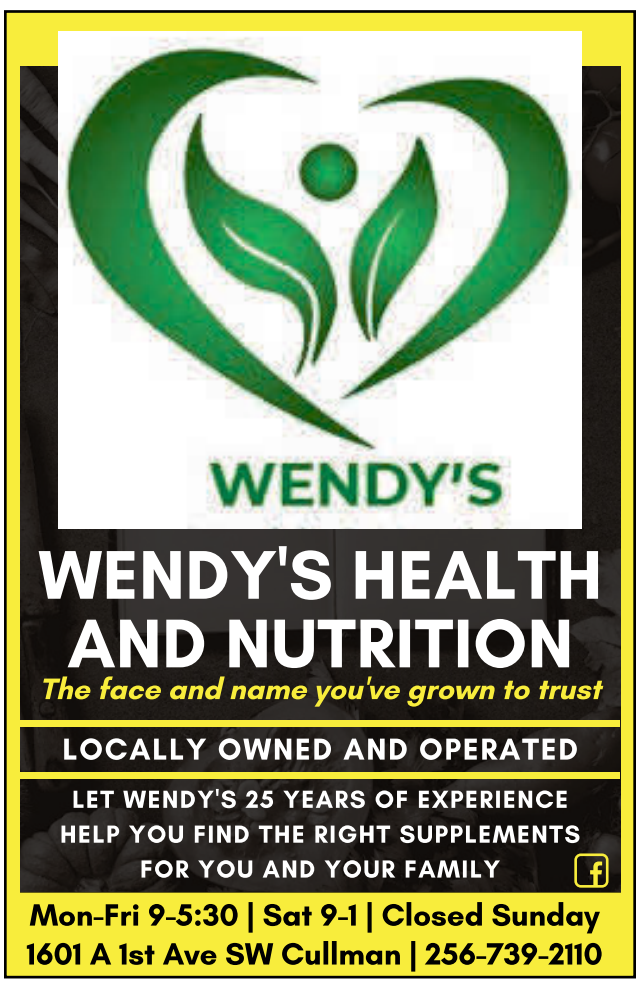
"Half of our band is seventh and eighth graders," O'Bryant said, "but they are putting in the work. The heat is bad this year, but they're pushing through."

Expect loud notes, proud moments and unforgettable Friday nights across Cullman County this fall!

Watch the video at https://youtu.be/uCkQT-OrRGY.













STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 256

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARY ANN CLARKE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Joseph Foster Clarke and Ginger Clarke Quick on the 17th day of July, 2025, 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.

Joseph Foster Clarke and Ginger Clarke Quick
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2025 - 900242

BALDWIN CHAPEL CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Plaintiff,

v.

DENISE BECKHAM and ALAN BECKHAM,

AND

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

Tract 1: A Tract Or Parcel Of Land Containing 1.12 Acres Of Land, More Or Less And Being A Part Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama And Being More Particularly Described As Follows:

Commence At The Purported Northwest Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 12 And Run North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 05 Seconds East And Run Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 410.07 Feet To A Found Rebar; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 53 Seconds East And Continue Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 227.46 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845) Marking The Point Of Beginning, Thence North 89 Degrees 12 Minutes 26 Seconds East, A Distance Of 294.71 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence South 52 Degrees 58 Minutes 37 Seconds West, A Distance Of 319.07 Feet To A Set Rebar On The North Edge Of A Paved Road; Thence Run In A Westerly Direction Following The North Edge Of Said Paved Road, The Following 8 Courses:
North 58 Degrees 03 Minutes 14 Seconds West, 29.02 Feet; North 73 Degrees 35 Minutes 02 Seconds West, 23.54 Feet; North 82 Degrees 43 Minutes 04 Seconds West, 26.09 Feet; South 82 Degrees 12 Minutes 19 Seconds West, 27.62 Feet; South 70 Degrees 04 Minutes 22 Seconds West, 28.30 Feet; South 57 Degrees 10 Minutes 28 Seconds West, 31.13 Feet; South 52 Degrees 17 Minutes 37 Seconds West, 34.00 Feet; South 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 50 Seconds West, 256.03 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence North 40 Degrees 19 Minutes 15 Seconds East, A Distance Of 507.80 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Subject To Any Rights-Of-Way And/Or Easements Of Record.

Tract 2: A Tract Of Land Containing 4.21 Acres Of Land, More Or Less And Being A Part Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama And Being More Particularly Described As Follows:
Commence At The Purported Northwest Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 12 And Run North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 05 Seconds East And Run Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 410.07 Feet To A Found Rebar; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 53 Seconds East And Continue Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 227.46 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence North 89 Degrees 12 Minutes 26 Seconds East, A Distance Of 294.71 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845) Marking The Point Of Beginning; Thence South 34 Degrees 30 Minutes 25 Seconds West, A Distance Of 37.00 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 55 Degrees 11 Minutes 10 Seconds East, A Distance Of 105.01 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 35 Degrees 22 Minutes 11 Seconds West, A Distance Of 431.44 Feet To A Point Marking The Northeast Corner Of That Certain Tract As Conveyed To Brenda Gilbreath By Deed Recorded In Deed Book 522, Page 105 In The Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; Thence North 48 Degrees 52 Minutes 14 Seconds West, A Distance Of 99.19 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence South 34 Degrees 30 Minutes 14 Seconds West, A Distance Of 395.08 Feet To A Found ½" Pipe Marking The Southwest Corner Of Said Gilbreath Tract, Same Being The Southeast Corner Of Baldwin School Property And Being On The Northeasterly Right-Of-Way Line Of U.S. Highway No. 278 And Being In A Curve To The Right Having A Central Angle Of 3 Degrees 37 Minutes 27 Seconds, A Radius Of 5,100.00 Feet And A Chord Bearing Of North 32 Degrees 39 Minutes 12 Seconds West; Thence Run Along The Arc Of Said Curve An Arc Distance Of 322.59 Feet To A Found ½ Inch Pipe; Thence North 40 Degrees 19 Minutes 15 Seconds East, Departing Said Right-Of-Way, A Distance Of 52.18 Feet To A Set Rebar On The Northerly Edge Of A Paved Road; Thence Run In A Northeasterly Direction Along Said Edge, The Following 8 Courses:
North 47 Degrees 22 Minutes 50 Seconds East, 256.03 Feet; North 52 Degrees 17 Minutes 37 Seconds East, 34.00 Feet; North 57 Degrees 10 Minutes 28 Seconds East, 31.13 Feet; North 70 Degrees 04 Minutes 22 Seconds East, 28.30 Feet; North 82 Degrees 12 Minutes 19 Seconds East, 27.62 Feet; South 82 Degrees 43 Minutes 04 Seconds East, 26.09 Feet; South 73 Degrees 35 Minutes 02 Seconds East, 23.54 Feet; South 58 Degrees 03 Minutes 14 Seconds East, 29.02 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence North 52 Degrees 58 Minutes 37 Seconds East, Departing Said Paved Drive, A Distance Of 319.07 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Subject To Any Rights-Of-Way And/Or Easements Of Record.

Tract 3: A Tract Or Parcel Of Land Containing 0.03 Acres Of Land, More Or Less And Being A Part Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama And Being More Particularly Described As Follows:
Commence At The Purported Northwest Corner Of Said Southwest Quarter Of The Northwest Quarter Of Said Section 12 And Run North 88 Degrees 42 Minutes 05 Seconds East And Run Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 410.07 Feet To A Found Rebar; Thence Run North 89 Degrees 53 Minutes 53 Seconds East And Continue Along The Accepted North Line, A Distance Of 227.46 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence North 89 Degrees 12 Minutes 26 Seconds East, A Distance Of 294.71 Feet To A Found Capped Rebar (LS-11845); Thence South 34 Degrees 30 Minutes 25 Seconds West, A Distance Of 37.00 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 55 Degrees 11 Minutes 10 Seconds East, A Distance Of 105.01 Feet To A Set Rebar; Thence South 35 Degrees 22 Minutes 11 Seconds West, A Distance Of 431.44 Feet To A Point Marking The Northeast Corner Of That Certain Tract As Conveyed To Brenda Gilbreath By Deed Recorded In Deed Book 522, Page 105 In The Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama , Same Marking The Point Of Beginning; Thence Run North 48 Degrees 52 Minutes 14 Seconds West, A Distance Of 99.19 Feet; Thence Run South 34 Degrees 40 Minutes 10 Seconds East, A Distance Of 105.00 Feet To A Found ½ Inch Pipe Marking The Northeast Corner Of The Daryl Hall Tract As Recorded In Deed Book 569, Page 799, In The Office Of The Judge Of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; Thence Run North 35 Degrees 22 Minutes 11 Seconds East, A Distance Of 25.89 Feet To The Point Of Beginning.

Description of the foregoing Tracts taken from the Survey of Joseph E. Conn, III, AL. Reg. No. 17831, dated October 13, 2011.

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: DENISE BECKHAM AND ALAN BECKHAM, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of July, 2025, a Verified Complaint to Quiet Title to the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Baldwin Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church against Denise Beckham and Alan Beckham, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the Verified Complaint on or before the 8th day of September, 2025, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Legal Notice

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 254

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES DOUGLAS JENNINGS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jimmy L. Jennings on the 16th day of July, 2025, 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.

Jimmy L. Jennings
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 257

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARLIN RAY HAWKINS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Charles F. Hawkins on the 23rd day of July, 2025, 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.

Charles F. Hawkins
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARY JO WALLER,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2025- 240

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Mary Jo Waller, Deceased

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of July, 2025, 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.

Jacky Waller
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER:

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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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
RICKY LEE HAYES, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2025-** 029

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to DIANA L. HAYES, as Executor of the Estate of RICKY LEE HAYES, Deceased, on the 24th day of July, 2025, 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.

DIANA L. HAYES,
Executor for the Estate of
Ricky Lee Hayes, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

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, Cullman, Alabama.

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BOBBIE CONNER,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2025-270

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Alabama Petition for Summary Distribution* made court record the 24th day of July, 2025, by Stacy Burg, Petitioner, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Stacy Burg
Petitioner

Pro Se

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

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

DONE this the 30th day of July, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-126

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA LOU CALVERT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Wendy M. Knight on the 17th day of July, 2025, 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.

Wendy M. Knight
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-122

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF FRANK DANIEL BAILEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Lawrence Edwin Gorff on the 17th day of July, 2025, 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.

Lawrence Edwin Gorff
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025- 148

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ELMA FAY HARPER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Anthony Ray Harper on the 31st day of July, 2025, 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.

Anthony Ray Harper
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SYLVIA MARIE RAMEY JONES,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2025- 275

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Sylvia Marie Ramey Jones, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of July, 2025, 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.

Robert Kyle Ramey
Personal Representative

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Milestone birthdays

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Everybody has a birthday and everybody has one every year. Well, except for those individuals who were born on Feb. 29. Recently, I think I've had two or three each year! Some birthdays are more exciting than others. Sixteenth birthdays have not always been special; however, they have been for almost 100 years now. The first license to operate a horseless carriage, or motorized vehicle, was issued in Troy, New York, way back in 1899. The speed limit for such vehicles, in the city, was 6 mph. New York became the first state to require an operator's certificate in 1903. In the early years, the minimum age to obtain a license was 18, but then in 1926 the age was dropped to 16. It still varies in some states.

So, for 99 years now, the age of 16 has been a milestone year looked forward to by most teenagers. Parents and grandparents look forward to it as well because, unless they have others to cart around, they get to retire the taxi. They also get knots in their stomach every time theirs leaves the house behind the wheel. It does, however, tend to improve one's prayer life.

Well, guess who turned 16 this week. No, not me! I did have a birthday this week, but I turned 16 and hit the highways at least a couple of years back.

My one and only grandchild, Drew, now has a driver's license in his back pocket. He already has his first car and has been practicing, legally, with a learner's permit. He has already chauffeured Jean and me around quite a bit and he does quite well behind the wheel.

The first time he drove my old Ford he did learn that not all cars brake the same.

Some of you have been reading about Drew in my columns for about a dozen years now.

I've even heard some of you say, "There is no way he is that old!" I feel the same about him...and about myself as well. Drew and I almost have the same birthday, but I am two days older. Well, my birthday was July 28, and his was the 30th. Back when I first learned that he was going to be born toward the end of July, back in 2009, I said, "Oh, I hope he is born on my birthday!" I thought that would be an awesome birthday present. His mother said, "No! Everyone needs their own birthday." So, I think she held out for two days for that very reason.

Okay, I'm really more than two days older than Drew. I'm actually 54 years older, so my milestone birthday this year was 70. I know many of you are shocked at that because you thought I was much younger.

That is because I've been told that I don't look my age... or was that act my age? One young fellow guessed my age to be 100. I immediately went to look at myself in the mirror and counted up how many birthdays I had celebrated. I've been told that I don't look a day over 69. Seventy is that age that many people think of as officially being "old."

Three score and 10, 70, is the age given in the Bible for, "The days of our lives." (Psalm 90:10) That Scripture did go on to say that by reason of strength we could make 80. This septuagenarian is feeling really strong...as long as it is not too late in the day! I thank God for every day and year that he has given me and Drew. I'm praying that he lives to be 100...and me to 100 and two days!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Aug. 2, 1962

From the files of Aug. 2, 1962

Parks Buzzing With Excitement

EAST SIDE PARK
The park has buzzed with excitement of the circus Friday at 2 p.m. Ring toss, horse shoes and other activities were enjoyed between work on circus day. The kick ball game between Charles Gable's team and Dwain Givens' team was a rough and tough one, but Givens' team won out 20-16.

WOODLAND HEIGHTS PARK
Activities at the park this week have included various activities with horseshoes, caroms and ball being the favorite. The children enjoyed molding from clay and the little tots entertained themselves in the sand-bed, building towns and houses. Circus Day, to which all parents and friends are invited, will be Friday, August 3, at 10 a.m.

CITY PARK NEWS
Everyone was happy to see the rain to settle the dust at the Park last week.

People that were the most helpful in keeping the park clean last week were Francis Franklin, Ken Rains and Ray Widner.

James Elliot and Jackie Ratliff created much interest by playing Chessman, a game which was new to most of the people at the Park.

Field and Track activities are the feature events at the Park this week.

WEST ELEMENTARY PARK
The activities in West Elementary Park varied from coloring to horseshoes. Janice Swafford took first place honors in coloring and Ann Henry took second place and a red ribbon. Mangie Swafford got third place. Also coloring were Gail Henry, Mary Ellen Woods, Betty Faye Henry, Carol Milligan.

In the carom tournament Betty Faye Henry upset the favored champion William Link. The highlights of the tournament was the shooting of Linda Gail Henry, who won 9 straight games before falling in the finals to Betty Faye Henry. Betty Faye Henry took first place, Gail Henry, second, and William Link, third.

William Link came fighting back in the horseshoe tournament and defeated all comers for the blue ribbon. Donald McCluer finished second and Larry McCluer third. Playing in the tournament also were Joann Link, Charles McCluer, Rickie Swafford, John-Henry Knighten.

HANCEVILLE NEWS
The Officers of Hanceville Student Center visited The War Eagle shop the week at Auburn University. Those attending are Shawn Watson, Mike Chandler and Mark Chamblee. They were accompanied by Mr. Maxcy Nesmith and W. M. Warren, Jr.

Mrs. Max Chamlee will begin her fifth year of teaching at Hanceville Elementary when it opens the first week in September.

Mrs. F. E. St. John is making a trip to Jackson Miss. to plan the coming Fall and Winter Conventions for the Beta Club. The meeting is August 17-19.

Mrs. C. A. Easterwood, son Fred, went to Auburn University with the Hanceville FFA.

Fred Craggie left Thursday to go to treatment at the Veterans Hospital in Montgomery.

Ricky Johnston of Pensacola, Fla., is spending the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McElroy and Jerry Dean visited C. V. Brogdon family Sunday.



POET'S CORNER

A Worn Path | By: Randy C. Hale

Grassy corridors lined the worn path
to my grandparents' home; I traveled
so frequently in the childhood days
of my life. On a path circled by
anticipation of treasured time and
things, like diagonal-cut sandwiches
on white bread and ice tea.

Snakes lost their lives on that path;
it was the way it was, never
questioning that they were up to
no good. The dogs, cats, and
chickens roamed free, and budding
flowers came into view, climbing
the mighty hill leading to the greatest
haven I've ever known.

My grandmother washed on Mondays
that old wringer machine filling up by
hose pipe from a steady pumped stream. And granddad sat out on what he called
the piazza. He was a former lion king that had gone soft over things like a grandson
moving up a trodden path on tender feet.

I go there often in graying shadows of my mind and rest beneath the shade of the
trees that line the familiar scene where
the blue jays still squawk loudly and
young blood flows in living veins.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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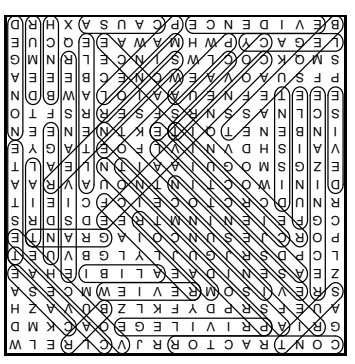
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EDITORIAL

PACs v. SIGs – What's the difference and why it matters in Alabama politics

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In today's highly charged political landscape, the terms "political action committee" (PAC) and "special interest group" (SIG) are often used interchangeably; however, they are not the same thing.

As we head deeper into the election season, especially at the local and state level here in Alabama, understanding the distinctions between these entities is crucial to deciphering who is really influencing our politics.

At their core, both PACs and SIGs aim to shape public policy, but they do so in different ways and under different legal frameworks.

A PAC is an organization that pools campaign contributions from members and donates those funds to campaigns for or against candidates, ballot initiatives or legislation. PACs must register with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) or state equivalent, depending on their scope. Their financial activities are strictly regulated, and contributions and expenditures must be reported publicly.

PACs often emerge from larger special interest organizations — such as unions, trade associations or advocacy groups — that want a more direct role in the electoral process. Once formed, a PAC can endorse candidates, run political ads and directly contribute to campaign committees within established limits.

SIG, on the other hand, is a broader term that refers to any organized group seeking to influence public policy without necessarily donating to candidates. SIGs may include nonprofits, industry associations, ideological movements or advocacy organizations.

They typically lobby lawmakers, run public education campaigns and mobilize grassroots support around specific issues. While some SIGs create PACs to support their legislative goals, not all do.

So, what do they have in common?

PACs and SIGs both represent organized efforts to influence the political process, usually aligned around a specific cause or interest. Both may employ lobbyists, organize events or produce policy white papers. And both can wield significant power — whether through campaign donations or pressure tactics.

The major difference lies in money and regulation.

PACs are political financing machines subject to disclosure and campaign finance laws. SIGs, meanwhile, can often operate under the radar, especially if organized as 501(c)(4) "social welfare" groups, which are not required to disclose donors unless they form a PAC arm.

As we watch more money pour into Alabama's state and local races, it's important to ask: who's behind the signs, the ads, the mailers? Is it a regulated PAC supporting a candidate directly — or is it a SIG trying to sway opinion without ever revealing its backers?

The truth is, while PACs are more transparent by design, SIGs can often exert just as much influence, albeit more quietly. Knowing the difference helps voters follow the money — and the motives — behind the messages.

Obituary Announcements: July 31 - Aug. 1

Mary Jane Elrod, 80
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Mary Jane Elrod, 80, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Elrod passed away June 29, 2025, at CRMC. She was born July 27, 2025, to William Louis Taylor and Daisy Lee Hopper Taylor. She loved helping everyone. She is remembered by her family as a stubborn, hard working woman who loved to repair, build and fix things. She will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands, Freddie Wayne Strien, Bobby Mullet, Gerald Butler, Bobby Elrod; daughter, Stephanie Mullet. Survivors include her son, Jacob Burl Mullet, Tony Mullet; daughter, Roberta (Joe) Fillmore; sisters, Brenda Taylor, Betty Canaday, Sea Willow Taylor; grandchildren, Brandie, Gerald, Ashley, Gabrielle, Stephanie, Jasmine, Jessie, Laura, Anthony; great-grandchildren, Jailynn, Jayden, Ethan Mordecai, Draken, Tristen, Shalynn, Jada, Allie, Shandon, John, Xavier, Grayson, Hunter, Tayln, Alex, Mia, Amelia, Creedence; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Janice Marie Freeman, 66
A Celebration of Life Service for Janice Marie Freeman, 66, of Cullman will be held on her birthday, Oct. 13, 2025. Details will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Janice passed away July 30, 2025 at her residence. She was born October 13, 1958 to O.D. Harkness and Margie Elizabeth Hallmark Harkness. She was a very reliable person and was always there for you when you needed her. She was excited to be a grandma. She loved her kids and she loved her cats. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Wanda Downs, Cynthia Hallmark; and, a grandson, Blakelee Bryant. Survivors include her son, Zane Freeman; daughter, Justina (Theodore) Williams; father of her children, John Freeman; brothers, Ronald Harkness, Brian Harkness; sisters, Margaret Banks, Sue Hallmark; grandchildren, Jax Freeman, Marie Bagwell, David Williams; her Godchild, Matthew Pugh; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Tilford 'Dickie' Glenn Miller, 79
Memorial Visitation for Tilford "Dickie" Glenn Miller, age 79 of Cullman, will be from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Miller passed away on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at Shepherd's Cove Hospice. He was born Dec. 26, 1945, to Rayburn Milton Miller and Tressie Kelley Miller. Dickie was well known in the Fairview Community as a business owner. He also raced as a dirt track racecar driver for over 40 years, racing all throughout the south. Dickie loved to ride his Harley, go camping and just loaf around in general. Dickie was well loved and will be missed by all. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gloria Sears Miller, mother of Kevin; wife, Dianne Bates, mother of Crystal, Toni and Jon; daughter, Crystal Sabrina Miller; brother, Donald Ray Miller; sisters, Nell Noble and Dottie Hornsby. Surviving Family Members, daughter, Toni (Bobby) Hart; sons, Jon (Cheryl) Miller, Kevin (Taylor) Miller; grandchildren, Desseria (Nick) Pasquerella, Kyle (Taylor) Hart, Melia Sims, Jarrett Miller and Lillian Miller; great grandchild, Barrett Reid Hart; sisters, Shirley Horton, Linda (Benny) Reid; brother, Ricky (Polly) Miller and a host of nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Cancer Society in honor of his wife, Gloria Miller.

Mitzi Walker, 83
Funeral service for Mitzi McCombs Walker, age 83, of Vinemont, will be Friday, Aug. 1, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Corinth West Church. Mrs. Walker will lie in state at the church from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Burial will be at Mt. Vernon Methodist Cemetery Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mitzi was born June 24, 1942, to Milton Gold McCombs and Ruth Byrd McCombs. She passed away at her residence on Tuesday, July 29, 2025. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jerome Walker; son, Clint Walker; father, Milton McCombs; mother, Ruth McCombs. She is survived by her son, Tim Walker; grandson, Andrew Walker, granddaughters, Jessi Walker, and Rena Walker; great-granddaughters, Isabella Viayra and Magdalene Hall; great-grandson, Maverick Walker; sister, Millie Hartman (Chris).

Ricky Wayne Bennefield, II, 46
Funeral services for Ricky Wayne Bennefield, II, will be 12 p.m. Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery with military honors. Pastor Fred Rivers will officiate services. The family will welcome friends for visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home on Friday, August 1, 2025, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ricky, a devoted veteran, beloved family man, and friend to many was born on August 17, 1978, in Cullman, AL and passed away at his home in Hanceville on July 29, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, love, and faith. Born with a joyful spirit and a heart full of kindness, Ricky proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 2000 to 2004, a chapter of his life that reflected his deep sense of duty and honor. An avid hunter and a steadfast believer in Jesus Christ, Ricky lived each day with intention and purpose. He loved his family with a fierce, unshakeable devotion—he was the best son, brother, husband, father, uncle, and friend anyone could ever ask for. His love was genuine and consistent, felt in every gesture, every embrace, and every word of encouragement. He had a gift for making people laugh and feel at ease. He was the kind of man who judged character by the strength of a handshake and met the world with gentleness and peace. His humor was magnetic, his presence grounding. He could brighten a room with his smile and warm it with a good story or a plate of his home-cooked food—because Ricky was also a really good cook. Known as the "second-best welder in the world" (because, as he'd say with a grin, "the first is a robot"), Ricky took pride in his work and craftsmanship. He was creative, skillful, and always willing to lend a helping hand. He had a deep love for Christmas—always starting the day playing video games—and was never far from a sweet treat, especially his all-time favorite, butter pecan ice cream. Fireworks delighted him, and babies adored him as much as he adored them. Ricky lived with a quiet strength and a tender soul. He was full of life, laughter, and love. His memory will live on in every shared family meal, every echo of laughter during the holidays, and every sweet bite of ice cream. He was, without question, one of a kind—and he will be deeply missed by all who were blessed to know him. Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Shavon Bennefield; children, Tyler (Brooke) Bennefield and Nadia (Grant) Bennefield-Wilson; siblings, Jack (Kaya Fraser) Bennefield, Cody Bennefield, Kyle Bennefield, April (Rodney) Gillilan, Julie (Seth) Heatherly, Sabrina Litteral, Chris Litteral, Sara (David) Williams, Moriah Litteral, Brandon (Amanda) Givens and Crystal (Bri) Lankford; parents, Ricky Wayne Bennefield I, Karen Bennefield and Karen Barfoot; grandmother, Virginia Franklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. Mr. Bennefield was preceded in death by his grandparents, William C. & Marie Bennefield and Jack Barfoot. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bennefield Family.

Cynthia 'Cindy' LeeAnne Self, 52
Cynthia "Cindy" LeeAnne Self, age 52, of Cullman, Alabama passed away July 29, 2025. She was born on March 2, 1973, to Louise and Ronald Powell. Cindy is survived by her husband of almost 36 years Shawn Self, sons Tyler, Austin and Ricky Self, grandson Everett Self, and siblings Kaye Cullen, Mark and Van Johnson, and Jerme Powell. Cindy is preceded in death by her parents. Cindy was a loving and committed wife, mother and grandmother. Her children and grandchild were her whole world. Cindy found serenity in being around any body of water, wether it was looking out over a lake or watching the waves crash at the beach. Fishing was her favorite way to spend her time by the water. Cindy was honored to be an organ donor and would have been proud to know that she has contributed to saving lives. With that said, in lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to Legacy of Hope in her honor. The family will receive friends for a visitation Monday Aug. 4, 2025, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in Moss Service Funeral Home's parlor G&H. A graveside service will follow at Hamby's Chapel Cemetery (CR-1456) at 1 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Eva Nell Miller, 91
Eva Nell Chambers Miller was born in 1934 to Hurschel and Lillian Chambers. She was the youngest of 4 children; Her older brothers Hurschel (Junior or Hap), Charles (Chic) both served in the United States Navy and were a source of pride to her. Her older sister, Betty (Rice) was her best friend throughout her life. Eva graduated from Cullman High School in 1953. She married the love of her life, James (Jimmy) Freeman Miller in 1957. Jimmy served in the United States Army for the first several years of their marriage. Eva was able to live on base with him and travel throughout Europe with him and other military wives during this time. Soon after Eva and Jimmy welcomed their beloved daughters Tamara (Tammy) and Teri. Eva served her community and church faithfully throughout her life: as a cook for many church dinners and potlucks, Girl Scout Troop Leader, and a room mother. Eva worked as a BellSouth Operator and later worked for Hayes Aircraft in Birmingham. Eva loved the Lord with all her heart and prayed for friends and family daily. She attended church every Sunday and enjoyed singing hymns with the choir. She greatly enjoyed being a friend to many people throughout her life, making friends with neighbors wherever she lived. Eva was a strong mother, grandmother, and Gigi to her family, she loved her daughters, sons in law, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who will always fondly remember her telling them, "love you lots" with a smile you could feel even through the phone. Eva is preceded in death by her beloved husband Jimmy Miller; her parents Lillian and Hurschel; her siblings Junior (Dorothy), Chic, and Betty (Paul); her son in law Matthew Roskam; and a host of other friends and family. Eva is survived by her daughters, Tammy and Teri (Jerry); grandchildren Crystal (Tristan), Nicholle (Joseph), Ian (Carsen); Great-grandchildren Sophia, Ada, Matthew, and Isabella; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. Honorary Pallbearers Jerry Burch, Ian Roskam, Tristan Stillwell, Joseph Pelter, Philip Miller, Tim Miller, Kevin Rice, and Larry Hancock A visitation for Eva will be held Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life will occur Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home.

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