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Crocker: Officer-involved shooting deemed justified

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker on Monday said he has determined an officer-involved shooting that took place July 19, 2025, was justified.

The shooting happened while two Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies were attempting to serve an arrest warrant on a suspect at a house in the Bethel community that Saturday.

That day, the CCSO said in a statement: "Earlier today, deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) attempted to serve a warrant in the Bethel community. Upon making contact, the suspect was found to be armed with a firearm. Following a brief verbal exchange, gunfire was exchanged, and the suspect was struck.

"Deputies immediately rendered first aid until emergency medical personnel arrived. The suspect was then transported to a local hospital for treatment."

On Monday, Aug. 4, Crocker said, "The homeowner directed the deputies to the basement, which was accessible through an outside door.

"Deputies announced their presence and made entry to the basement. After a brief search, the deputies located the suspect, who had enclosed himself » PAGE 3

- FAITH -

'The harvest is ripe'

Bibles & Backpacks blesses hundreds ahead of school year



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A captured moment of prayer at the Bibles & Backpacks event on Saturday, Aug. 2.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Saturday, Aug. 2, Commissioned for Christ held its first-ever Bibles & Backpacks event at the Cullman County Fairgrounds, with a mission to serve families in need — physically and spiritually — as they prepare for the school year. The outreach provided school-aged children and their families with free Bibles, backpacks, haircuts, hotdogs and drinks, along with a day of worship and prayer.

By day's end, the success of the mission was on full display, with an estimated 200–300 individuals having been served through the generosity of the community, and nearly all supplies having been given out.

"I knew to expect big because God was in charge, but it completely surpassed any and all expectations," said Jennifer Carpenter, organizer of the event. "It flowed so smoothly. We were so happy to bless others, but we were also blessed to just be a part of Kingdom work."

When it came to what was available, everything at the event was donated, with nothing being purchased out-of-pocket and more than 75 volunteers, businesses, churches and ministries partnering to make Carpenter's vision a reality. From food and drinks to school supplies and raffle prizes, every item was given freely by a community ready to serve.

"When I had this vision, I could feel God say, 'Don't put down a cent.' I knew He said He would provide. So, I didn't pay for anything," Carpenter said. "What happened was people found out about this vision and were not only willing to help, but were eager to do so."

For Carpenter, one of the most powerful moments of the day didn't come from handing out school supplies, but from a handmade prayer board where families could write their prayer requests on sticky notes and place them on display.

"The children who wrote prayers were so precious," she said. "They didn't ask for prayers for themselves; they asked for prayers for their families and friends. They are so humble."

But the spiritual impact didn't stop at a prayer board. Often throughout the day, volunteers could be seen praying with parents and students alike, with laying of hands on those in need or lifting hands as a sign of praise to God.

"This was my favorite part. We had very young children telling us » PAGE 2

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Kenneth Cornelius announces candidacy for Cullman County revenue commissioner



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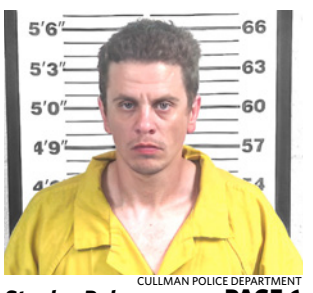
Cullman County man charged with using cell phone to steal debit card info



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CPD arrests Falkville man for theft



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 4, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 31

- criminal mischief; domestic violence; CR 1400
- domestic violence; CR 1030
- criminal mischief; domestic violence; Arkadelphia Rd. NW
- unlawful possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 615

Aug. 1

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1127
- menacing; CR 1210
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Cherokee Ave. SW
- theft of property; CR 659
- violation of protection order; CR 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1492

Aug. 2

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 469
- theft of property; Hwy 278E
- theft of property; CR 5
- theft of property; CR 38

Aug. 3

- harassment; CR 1043
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. SW
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- domestic violence; CR 1055
- possession of marijuana; CR 490

ARRESTS

July 31 – Aug. 3

Barfield, Marcus S.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Burditus, Joshua E.; 40
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Chapple, III, Christian O.; 46
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Coker, Michael J.; 50
- FTA – improper tag classification
- FTA – operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – switched tag

Conn, Fredrick W.; 65
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Couch, Thomas D.; 29
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession stolen property, less than $500
- FTA – switched tag

Creel, Rusalon L.; 33
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving without drivers license
- FTA – follow too close

Golden, Kate M.; 31
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gomez, Herber; 21
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Horton, Justin B.; 36
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-aggravated assault family-knife

Huckabee, Jeremy M.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kuhn, Jr., Derrick R.; 36
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – obstruction-governmental operations

McDonald, Ethan D.; 23
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McKinnon, Alan D.; 68
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Melvin, Christopher M.; 45
- fraudulent use credit/debit card
- identity theft

Moctezuma, Kimberly L.; 32
- possession of amphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Parker, Angel M.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Prentice, Richard P.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ramos, Jose A.; 60
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Robinson, James G.; 53
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Sanchez Briones, Julio; 44
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500

Shurden, Caleb I.; 19
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- DUI (alcohol)

Smith, Richard C.; 63
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann, Joshua K.; 41
- DUI (other substance)

Thornton, Dexter E.; 58
- negotiating worthless instrument

Underwood, Jamie K.; 50
- DUI (alcohol)

Voigt, Jr., Robert M.; 53
- criminal trespass

Whisman, Paul C.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 30

- harassing communications; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; general merchandise; $22; 2nd Ave. NW

July 31

- organized retail theft; Lowe's; miscellaneous; $696; Cherokee Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $43; Hwy. 157

Aug. 1

- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Buffalo Rock Company; damaged machine; $2,500; Patriots Way Sw.
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $39; Olive St. SW

Aug. 2

- menacing; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; 4th St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Red Roof Inn; cash; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $36; Olive St. SW
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Aug. 3

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damaged phones & tires; $1,050; Cleveland Ave. NW
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $534; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $108; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-1st degree; ULTA Beauty; $6,236; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

July 31 – Aug. 3

Daniel, Kevin; 44
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – running red light

Schrader, Jason R.; 46
- discharging firearm into occupied building (2 counts)

Hines, Terry A.; 41
- DUI

Cross, Rita E.; 22
- GJ – fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- GJ – theft of property-3rd degree

Whisman, Paul C.; 44
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-1st degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Baker, Stanley A.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- obstructing justice using false identity
- promoting prison contraband-2nd degree
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Roden, Joshua M.; 39
- theft of property-4th degree

Goodlett, Andrew T.; 39
- theft of property-4th degree

McAnally, Patricia A.; 46
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Coker, Michael J.; 50
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – switched tag

Arnold, James A.; 29
- DUI
- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goudeau, Stephanie D.; 52
- theft of property-4th degree

Lay, Rachel L.; 34
- public intoxication

Sterling, Christopher W.; 47
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while revoked (3 counts)
- FTA – run red light
- FTA – insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCBOE enters land purchase agreement; new career center planned

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools has entered into a real estate purchase agreement for several acres of land located in south-central Cullman County, where it has plans to construct a new, state-of-the-art career center. The Cullman County Board of Education gave unanimous approval for the agreement during its July meeting.

The district is currently in the due diligence phase and will share more information once that process is finalized.

Said the CCBOE in a statement: "This purchase aligns with our five-year strategic plan, specifically to provide our students with the best possible opportunities to be college, career and workforce ready.

"We have been working on several funding and grant requests over the past several years that will allow us to build a modern state-of-the-art career center, and I am very excited about what is to come in the near future.

"We look forward to revealing some exciting growth plans once the purchase is finalized."

Info (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Christopher Michael Melvin, 45, of Vinemont, was arrested July 31, charged with one count of identity theft and two counts of fraudulent use of a credit or debit card.

According to court records, the identify theft charge stems from Melvin allegedly recording the victim's debit card information with his cell phone on June 13, 2025, at Love's Travel Stop at 497 County Road 222.

The two counts of fraudulent use of a credit or debit card stem from Melvin allegedly using the victim's card to obtain services in the amount of $231.01 from the Cullman Electric Cooperative on June 13, 2025, and to obtain services in the amount of $121.38 from the Days Inn located at 1841 Fourth St. SW in Cullman on June 16, 2025.

Bibles & Backpacks (from Front)

issues they had and wanted prayer and even gave their lives to God. We even had adults do the same," she shared. "People are hungry for His Word and His touch. We must go out and share this with people. The harvest is ripe."

When asked about what she hoped people would walk away with from the event, her answer was simple but profound.

"Hope. I want them to walk away not just with supplies, but with hope that there is more for them," she said. "I want them to not think of this as an event but an encounter."

She also expressed interest in continuing the effort annually, while seeking guidance on what form that may take next.

"I had so many people asking me what was next. I will say that I was sad it was over because it was such a blessing to serve," she stated.

"I'd love to do this again and even other things as well. So, my job for now is to pray and ask Him to reveal what's next. While there are people who need to be reached, there are also many people who are willing to do the reaching. We won't stop until everyone has heard."

Carpenter shared a special thanks to a long list of businesses, ministries and individuals, including hairstylists Jorryn and Leslie Keene, Keaton Photography, Warehouse Discount Grocery, S&S Foods, Jack's, Pepsi, Chick-fil-A, Cullman Bowling Center, Cullman Lions Club and many more. First Priority-Cullman, Wellstone's Heads Up Prevention, The Foundry and Cullman County EMA all provided informational tables on their services. Guest speakers including Lauren Parson James, Tim Sartin and Jenny Lee Dupre. Several local churches also provided volunteers and resources, including Faith Restoration Church, Victorious Faith Church and LifePointe Church. Revival Arrows Ministry in Double Springs also helped collect donations.

"I'd love to name everyone, but there are just too many. Every single person who volunteered or donated was helping to minister to all who attended. These are the people who make up 'Commissioned for Christ,'" she added.

"As a last note, I want to emphasize the fact that this came together in less than one month.

"I knew the vision and instructions I was given, but I also had to be very careful to follow that and not my own desires," she continued. "This has been bathed in prayer from the start. The only reason this worked like it did was because this was absolutely from God. I was just blessed to be the one to go out and organize this. So, I witnessed firsthand God's favor and provision over this. There's no way to witness what I did and not believe that this was one hundred percent from Him. I just can't wait to see what He has for us next."

For more information or to get involved in future outreach, visit the Commissioned for Christ – Cullman Facebook page or email commissionedforchristcullman@gmail.com.

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Shooting (from Front)

behind a door in the basement.

"Deputies told the suspect there was an arrest warrant and directed him to open the door. The suspect resisted, and announced that he had a gun and would protect himself. As deputies made entry through the door, the suspect brandished a shotgun. Deputies fired at the suspect, resulting in him being struck by one round."

Crocker said that after reviewing all available evidence, including the deputies' body camera footage, "I have determined that this was a justified shooting. These deputies were carrying out a law enforcement function by serving a warrant and while doing so, they were faced with a deadly threat.

"The suspect's shotgun was loaded with buckshot and the suspect displayed every intention of shooting at the deputies.

"Not only was this a justified shooting, the deputies involved did exactly what they were trained to do when facing this type of danger which later included administering lifesaving first aid to the suspect.

"I plan to present this matter to a Grand Jury, to whom I will recommend confirmation of this decision."

The identities of the deputies and the man who was shot have not been released.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

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

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
- www.agriplex.org
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, noon-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn - Easy Herbs. Join Mae Jefferson and learn about easy herbs to grow, how to preserve them, and use around the kitchen or even a home medicine cabinet. $10, includes lunch.
- Thursday, Aug. 14, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary - Cool as a Cucumber. From cosmetic to culinary, to tiny gherkins and long English, come learn about one of our garden favorites! $15/person, max $30/family.
- Thursday, Aug. 14, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary - All the Ologies - Geology. The Cook Museum of Natural Science is here to help us explore the fascinating world of the Earth's materials, including formation, identification, and significance of rocks and minerals. Pan for your own gems to take home. $15/student.
- Friday, Aug. 15, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers - Armadillo Rodeo. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft, and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8/child, max $16/family.
- Thursday, Aug. 21, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer - FALL and WINTER GRAZING OPTIONS FOR CATTLE, SHEEP AND GOATS. Managing your pastures for maximum fall grazing.
- Saturday, Aug. 23, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club - Honey Harvest. It's our second year of harvesting honey from the Agriplex Apiary and you're invited! Master Beekeeper Bill Grimmett will be here to show us how it's done. $15/child, max $30/family.
- Thursday, Aug. 26, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes - Growing Fall Vegetables. Now is the time to start fall vegetables! Join Extension Agent Holt Akers-Campbell as he teaches best practices for fall crops for home gardeners. Free fall seeds. $15/person.
- Thursday, Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Humming Bird Gourd House. Who knew you could make a hummingbird house from a gourd? Come use your creativity as Katie Westmoreland teaches us how to make, paint, and decorate our new little house. Youth, ages 12 to15 are welcome and must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $35/person.
- Wednesday, Sept. 3, noon-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn - Wildlife Damage Management Around the Home & Garden. This program will provide a great opportunity for home and garden owners to gain a better understanding of common wildlife pests and their controls. Laws and regulations, damage identification, and considerations and techniques to reduce and prevent wildlife damage will be covered in detail. $10, includes lunch.
- Thursday, Sept. 4, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary - Fun with Fossils. Uncover the mysteries of the past by learning how fossils are formed, how to identify different species, and more! $15 fee, max $30/family.
- Thursday, Sept. 4, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary - All the Ologies - Paleontology. Dive into the study of fossils! We'll discuss excavation, identification, and get an up close look at an extensive collection of specimens. $15/student, max $30/family.
- Thursdays, Sept. 4, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Crocheting. Come learn the basics of crocheting as we make our very own scarf. Register early so you have time to pick your favorite colors! Youth, ages 12 to15 are welcome and must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $25/person.
- Fri, Sept. 5, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers - Cinder. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft, and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8/child, max $16/family.
- Sat, Sept. 6, 9-10:30a.m., Farm Kids Club - County Fair Crafts. We'll complete an assortment of crafts worthy of submission to the Cullman County Fair. $20/person.
- Thursdays, Sept. 11, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer - Beekeeping for Beginners. This introduction to beekeeping will feature an Alabama Extension Agent and local, experienced beekeepers who will discuss the basics of keeping bees for both fun and profit with Allyson Shabel. At the Extension office.
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PREP FOOTBALL

Addison looking to bounce back in 2025

Todd Walker
Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – The Addison Bulldogs are preparing to kick off a new season and will do so under the leadership of veteran Head Coach Mark Hastings. Hastings is a veteran of the Winston County Football wars as he was previously the Head Coach at Lynn High School, about 40 miles southwest of Addison in the far corner of Winston County. Hastings led Lynn to some of their most successful seasons in recent memory and brings a fresh approach to Bulldog football.

"First of all, I have to acknowledge the tremendous job that Coach (David) Smothers did here laying the foundation of this program," Hastings said.

"He did an excellent job here and this is actually the first job that I have taken in my career that I do not consider a rebuilding job.

"They had success last year and with the returning talent I believe that we can be successful pretty quickly here. I was drawn to this Addison job by their storied history, tradition of the program and the expectations that are here each and every year.

"I know a lot is expected but I can assure you that no one has higher expectations for our success than me and I will be my harshest critic. I love being around the young men and being a mentor to them. Building a lifelong relationship with your players, coaches and even coaches on the other teams is important to me. I believe that to be a good head coach, you have to be part psychologist, part father figure and just lead by example. You have to find out what makes your players tick and find that competitive nature in each young man."

"We are blessed to have some really good athletes here and I feel that they fit my offensive and defensive philosophy pretty well. We like to spread the other team out and get our playmakers the ball in space," Hastings said. "We will take whatever the other team is giving us. If they are selling out to stop the run, then we need to be able to throw the ball and vice versa. I think we are going to be able to do that. I have been very pleased with the effort and attitude that our young men have shown this summer both in the weight room and at our 7 on 7 camps."

Hastings broke down some of the returning impact players on the offensive side of the ball.

"Our quarterback situation is pretty stable. We have two young men that are leading for that role, Jr. Elijah Roberts and Soph. Scout Flynn. Both men have their strong suits, and the good thing is whomever wins the job the other can help us at other positions. Both are very talented," Hasting said.

"The running back room has three guys vying for the lead role. Seniors Seth Hammack and Stone Talley and junior. Zayne Smith. Smith is coming back from a knee injury, and this is Talley's first year playing varsity football.

"Talley is a really good athlete and is not afraid of to put his shoulder into you. All three backs run hard but, in our system, you have to be a little more patient in choosing your holes to run through, so we are still learning that. We are lucky that senior Trennon Burns can play wide receiver as well as running back and will help us somewhere on the field this fall. As a matter of fact, all of our backs are pretty good at catching the football which is what we expect in this offense."

Hastings continued, "Junior Dathan Cleghorn has really stepped up this summer at our 7 on 7 camps at wide receiver. He has been a beast and runs exceptional routes. Dathan has basically been our go too receiver and has consistently made play after play for us.

"Judah Wilkins is an excellent athlete and can play numerous positions. Michael Lee and Major Snoddy can play tight end and both are big bodies that have the ability to catch the ball, Hastings said. "Our offensive line has the ability to be a strength for us. We return three senior starters, and each have been leaders in our summer workout program. They are Casen Hill, Brye Dollar and Brodie Willingham. This year I think we can go seven or eight deep at the offensive and defensive lines. I feel comfortable, as of now, that we will have some depth there this year which is a rarity in 1A Football."

As far as defensively goes Addison will be running mainly a 4-4-3. A pretty standard defense in high school football using four down lineman, four linebackers and three defensive backs.

"The one thing that I can tell you is we will be physical, we will tackle, and we will play fundamentally sound. If a young man doesn't want to tackle, then we will find someone who will. We probably will have several kids playing both ways, offensively and defensively, but that is pretty standard in lower classification football."

The goal for every team this time of year is to win every game each week but more than that, Hastings wants to see his team approach the game the right way. Addison will travel to Lynn for a jamboree game before the season officially kicks off and Hastings is looking forward to a fun atmosphere that night.

"Our number one goal is to play the game the way it is meant to be played at full speed and with discipline. If you can accomplish those two things success will follow.

"Naturally, you would like to go undefeated and win state, but we are going to focus on Lynn High School because that is who we play in the jamboree in a couple of weeks. It will be a game-by-game approach and like I said if we do the things we are supposed to be successful, and success will take care of itself," Hastings said. "I can only assume that the atmosphere will be incredible. Probably be like a playoff game. I coached a lot of those kids and have nothing but love and respect for the players, coaches and fans of Lynn High School. They treated me and my family great while I was at Lynn and I have the utmost respect for Coach (Steve) Cagle. Coach Cagle assisted me so much while I was there and he is a great man and coach."

The rest of the coaching staff is full of new faces as well. Coach Hastings will handle the offensive play calling duties while returning Coach Lee Williams will handle the defensive calls. Dusty Hayes and Toby Denson will handle the offensive and defensive lines. Chris Lane will assist with defensive backs and running backs while first year coach Lane Tubb will help with offensive and defensive positions.

Addison is in 1A region 7 and should be in contention for the region championship on paper. Rival and region foe Meek may be the co-favorite with Addison while defending region champ Hackleburg may take a step back due to huge graduation losses, but the rest of the region slate looks manageable. Non region games are very challenging with 2A Winston County, 4A Good Hope and 2A Decatur Heritage. The region championship will probably come down to the Oct. 10 matchup with Meek at Addison. A playoff berth and hosting a first-round game is not out of the question for the 2025 Addison Bulldogs.



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The Addison Bulldogs will kick off the 2025 season against Winston County on Aug. 22.

2025 Addison Football Schedule (1A, Region 7)

- Aug. 22 – Winston County
- Aug. 29 – at Decatur Heritage
- Sept. 5 – at Shoals Christian*
- Sept. 12 – Cherokee*
- Sept. 19 – at Hackleburg*
- Sept. 26 – Good Hope
- Oct. 3 – Waterloo*
- Oct. 10 – Meek*
- Oct. 17 – at Vina*
- Oct. 24 – at Phillips Bear Creek*

*Region Game

PREP FOOTBALL

Tigers poised for postseason return in 2025

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ARLEY, Ala. – After punching their ticket the postseason last fall, the Meek Tigers are ready to put together another playoff push in 2025. The Tigers have experience returning all over the field and Head Coach Daniel Evans is happy to report a productive offseason for his squad.

"We've had probably one of the best offseasons that I can remember in a while. There haven't really been any lulls or any kids checking out or anything like that. We've been pretty locked in since January or February I'd say. So, we've had a pretty good offseason," Evans said.

"We don't do spring because we'll play a jamboree, and I think that probably helped because they got a little time off before we started summer, but this group has been really good.

"They work, they're self-motivated and that's something that is becoming increasingly rare.

"We've got a good group of seniors and leaders that all like each other and our team chemistry is pretty good so that's definitely helped us be better in the offseason."

Meek will have some familiar faces at several positions back on the field this fall and that makes things much easier on Evans and his staff as they prepare to kick things off on Aug. 22.

"Fortunately for us we've got experienced guys at pretty much every level on offense and defense which is a luxury that doesn't happen very often. We've got some young guys that are going to have to step up in some spots but there's not really one section where we're too young. It's a good mix of older and younger guys. Then we've got some older guys that have played a lot of reps, so I feel pretty good about us, especially up front on both sides of the ball. The defensive line was really good last year and it's going to be really good again this year. On the offensive line we've got three returning starters and a fourth guy that played a lot of reps so we're really just breaking in one kid so that's good," Evans said.

"It helps to have a quarterback and a running back that have a lot of reps and that's what we have. Evan (McCay) our quarterback will be in his third year as a starter. He started as a freshman and same thing with Hunter Wyatt our running back.

"He's someone that's been getting carries since he was a freshman so we're pretty experienced even though we've got some younger guys and that definitely helps us out. I'm feeling pretty good about where we're at and what we'll be able to do. Now nothing matters until you play games, but we feel good about the group we have."



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The Meek Tigers will kick off the 2025 season against Lynn on Aug. 22.

The goal for every team when the season kicks off is to win every game each week and the Tigers certainly have big goals when it comes to wins but outside of the results, Evans wants to see his team play each snap hard, physically and at full speed.

"It's the same thing for us all the time, playing hard and playing physical. We always want to be physical, and we preach that at practice and with what we do in the weight room.

"We like to run the football and tackle well so physicality is what we're looking for but other than that I would just say our hustle and our drive.

"We play the game at full speed and want to make sure we're playing every down of every quarter of every game at full speed.

"We don't like to see kids taking plays off or anything like that so that's who we want to be. That's what our mindset is."

2025 Meek Football Schedule (1A, Region 7)

- Aug. 22 – Lynn
- Aug. 29 – at Winston County
- Sept. 5 – Hackleburg*
- Sept. 12 – Phillips Bear Creek*
- Sept. 19 – Waterloo*
- Oct. 3 – at Shoals Christian*
- Oct. 10 – at Addison*
- Oct. 17 – at Cherokee*
- Oct. 24 – Vina*
- Oct. 31 – at Carbon Hill

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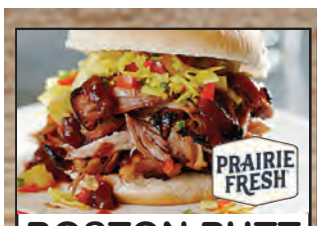
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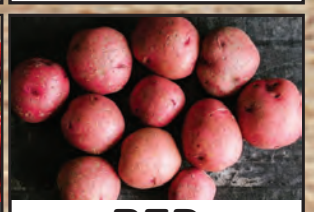
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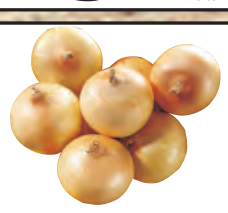
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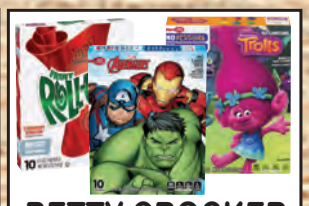
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Mavens & Makers open downtown

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local favorite Mavens & Makers, owned by Ashlea Chance, in June relocated to a more accessible location in downtown Cullman, bringing its artisan charm closer to the heart of the community.

"We're like a cross between Williams-Sonoma and Whole Foods. We sell artisan foods, kitchenwares, and also host cooking classes, tasting events and seasonal crafting sessions," said Chance.

The shop also features a demonstration kitchen where many of these classes and events take place.

The opportunity arose for the business to move downtown when a space with the same square footage as the previous location became available, offering better visibility and easier access for customers.

"It's made it a lot easier for our clients to come in," Chance said.

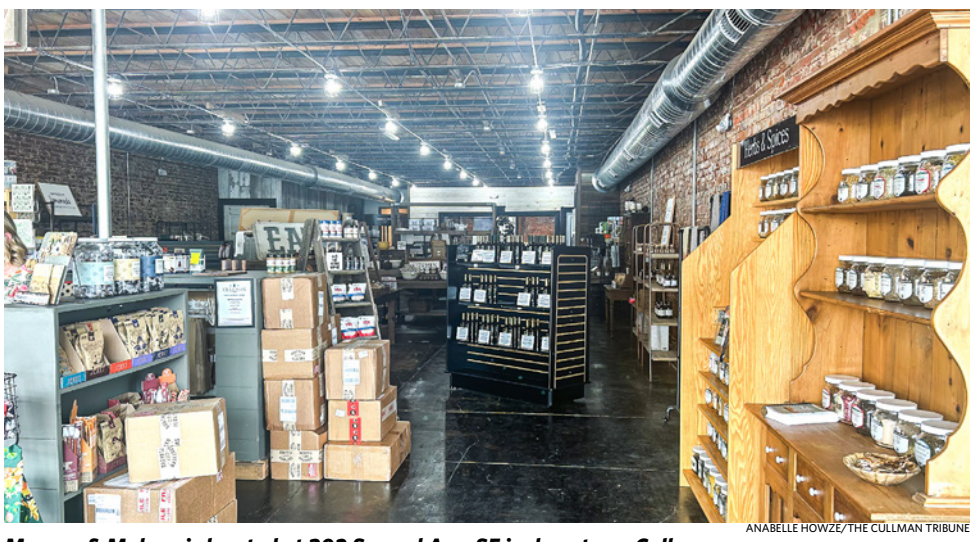
"And the most rewarding part has been meeting new people and growing our customer base."

The shop also sells farm-raised meats sourced directly from a local farm in addition to items from local makers and crafters.

To encourage community engagement, the store offers free seasonal make-and-take crafting events.

The next one is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, and will feature a quick fall-themed craft that visitors can complete in just a few minutes.

Mavens & Makers is located at 302 Second Ave. SE in downtown Cullman. Find it online at www.facebook.com/MavensAndMakers.



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Cullman City School Board, City Council forge stronger partnership for student safety

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — In a stated "significant move toward enhancing safety measures within Cullman City Schools," a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been established between Cullman City Schools and the Cullman Police Department. This updated agreement aims to bolster security infrastructure and response capabilities across all school campuses, ensuring a safer environment for students, faculty, staff and the entire community.

Key updates from the MOU

Increased SRO presence:
One of the pivotal updates includes an expansion in the number of school resource officers (SROs) assigned to schools. Under the revised terms, each school will benefit from two dedicated SROs. This increase not only strengthens security, but also broadens the coverage for after-school events, further safeguarding school activities.

Cullman City Council President Jenny Folsom emphasized the positive impact this will have for relationships within the school community: "School resource officers bridge the gap between law enforcement and the school community, fostering trust and communication. SROs develop positive relationships with students, teachers and staff because this is key for helping prevent crime and improving school safety."

Councilman Johnny Cook added, "I along with the rest of the city council see the safety of our students and teachers as a top priority. Therefore, placing two SROs in each school was another example of the council being proactive rather than reactive, and it is inexcusable to be reactive, especially with the partnerships and resources, when it comes to school safety and the growth we have experienced."

School safety liaison:
Introducing a new role of school safety liaison signifies a proactive approach to school safety. This liaison will support the school safety coordinator in various duties, including scheduling and enhancing safety protocols, thereby ensuring a robust framework for emergency preparedness and response.

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth stated, "As a member of the city council, I'm proud to stand alongside our school board and local law enforcement as we take decisive steps to make Cullman City Schools safer than ever before. Our joint investment in additional School Resource Officers and new safety initiatives reflects our unwavering commitment to protecting our students, staff and families."

City's financial commitment:
Highlighting a shared commitment to student safety, the City will continue to shoulder the majority of the costs associated with the SRO program, amounting to approximately 75%. For the current fiscal year, the overall cost is estimated at $809,596.01, with the school system contributing $210,761.69. This financial backing emphasizes the city's dedication to maintaining a secure learning environment for all students.

Councilman Brad Smith reflected on the City's commitment: "Our children deserve to learn in an environment where they feel safe, supported and protected. This agreement is a reflection of our city's deep commitment to our students, educators and families. By working closely with the school system and law enforcement, we're building a foundation of trust and preparedness that will benefit our entire community for years to come."

Commitment to collaboration:
The updated MOU underscores a strengthened partnership between the Cullman City School system and the city council. By working collaboratively, both entities aim to fortify school safety measures and establish Cullman City Schools as a model of safety excellence within Alabama.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff expressed his gratitude for the robust collaboration between key stakeholders:

"We are fortunate to have such a strong working relationship with Mayor (Woody) Jacobs, (Police) Chief (Joey) Duncan, (Fire) Chief (Brian) Bradberry and the city council. The Cullman City Board of Education and the Cullman City Council work hand in hand to keep our students safe and provide our schools with the resources to sustain excellence. Our school board remains committed to student safety at all five campuses, and this partnership is a great, new step toward making sure our students and staff can continue to learn and teach safely for years to come."

Colony Day celebration



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Families came from far and wide to return to Colony Aug. 1-3, for the town's annual Colony Day and a fun-filled, three-day celebration of homecoming and community. Councilwoman Jasmine Cole, who oversees parks and recreation, has led the event for the past five years. "It's a great feeling," she said. "People come home from all over: California, Pennsylvania, Maryland, to reconnect and celebrate." The weekend kicked off Friday night with a community dinner and Colony's first-ever comedy show. Saturday featured live music, a water slide for children, food stands and vendors, and the celebration concluded Sunday with a joint church service at the Colony Educational Complex.

Show (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Heartland Quilters Guild hosted its 2025 quilt show, the "Heartland Revival," Aug. 1-2, at St. Andrew's Global Methodist Church. The event showcased dozens of beautiful quilts, vendors, live demonstrations and a donation quilt drawing.

A special moment of this year's show was the honoring of Vietnam veteran Raymond Williamson with a handmade quilt from Quilts of Valor. Williamson served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, including during the Tet Offensive. The Quilts of Valor Foundation has awarded over 400,000 quilts to veterans and service members nationwide as a gesture of gratitude for their service.

The guild was founded in 2001 and currently has around 55 members and holds a monthly meeting at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church. Each year, the group chooses to support a charity; this year, it is the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. In the past, the group has assisted in creating quilts for the unsheltered, stuffed toys for children in crisis and presentations through the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

The quilt show helps fund the guild's programs and educational events. Membership is $25 annually and open to all skill levels. For more information, interested quilters are welcome to attend a meeting (second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cullman). Get more information at Facebook/Heartland Quilter's Guild.



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Vietnam veteran Raymond Williamson was presented with a Quilt of Valor at this year's Heartland Quilters Guild Show.





Theft (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Falkville man was arrested by the Cullman Police Department in connection to a theft reported at the Red Roof Inn in Cullman on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Through the use of surveillance footage and investigative efforts, officers were able to identify the suspect as 40-year-old Stanley Baker of Falkville.

Shortly after the theft occurred, officers from Shift 2B conducted a traffic stop on Baker for unrelated traffic violations, the CPD said. At the time, officers were unaware he had just allegedly committed the theft. During the stop, Baker was arrested on unrelated charges, including outstanding warrants and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

While conducting the stop, officers allegedly observed several tools in the vehicle commonly associated with burglary. However, according to the CPD, there was not enough probable cause at the time to make an arrest for possession of burglary tools.

Following further investigation, officers from Shift 1B were able to obtain and execute a search warrant on the suspect's vehicle.

Inside, they allegedly recovered multiple burglary tools believed to have been used in the theft.

Baker was formally charged with fourth-degree theft of property and possession of burglary tools. He remains in custody.

"The Cullman Police Department commends the diligent efforts of both Shift 2B and Shift 1B officers for their teamwork and thorough investigative work that led to the successful resolution of this case," said the CPD.

Cornelius (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director, Hanceville City Councilman and local businessman Kenneth Cornelius has announced he will seek the Republican nomination for the office of Cullman County revenue commissioner.

Cornelius said he believes his successful track record as a small business owner makes him uniquely qualified for the public office.

"I will put my 32 years of business experience to work and always place the citizens of Cullman County first," Cornelius said. "I believe in a transparent government where taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and citizens are treated with respect."

Cornelius said he began his business career as an entrepreneur at the age of 24 when he purchased his first business, a Havoline Xpress Lube.

"I diversified my company into multiple express lubes, car washes, a coffee shop, storage facilities and various rental properties," he said. "I have also been in the cattle business for 15 years."

Cornelius said he considers himself a conservative Republican. "I was elected to the Cullman County Republican Executive Committee in 2010, where I have served as party chairman, party vice-chairman and chairman of the candidate committee," he said. "I am an active member of my local church, I have been ordained a deacon, and have served on the board of Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 21 years."

In 2024, Cornelius became Cullman County Parks and Recreation director. He serves on the Cullman County Tourism Board and was appointed to the E-911 Board. He was appointed to the Hanceville City Council in March 2024.

Cornelius is a graduate of Hanceville High School and attended Wallace State Community College. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Tammy Cornelius, for over 32 years.

They have two children: son Garrett Cornelius (wife Bailey Cornelius) and daughter Townley Cornelius.

The office of Cullman County revenue commissioner will be on the ballot in 2026.

- Statewide Primary Election – Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Primary Runoff Election – Tuesday, June 16, 2026
- General Election – Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicants listed: QuikTrip Corporation, 1811 4th Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055 – Beer and Wine Off Premises

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPOORTATION
Plaintiffs,
v.
BRIAN CHAD SMITH; TRADITIONS BANK; CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA; HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE; BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF A.C. SMITH; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF C.J. SMITH
Defendant.

CASE NO PC 2025-271

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION

TO: BRIAN CHAD SMITH, TRADITIONS BANK, CITY OF HANCEVILLE, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF A.C. SMITH, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF C.J. SMITH AND ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 219121 ALABAMA HIGHWAY 91, HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA

Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation filed by State of Alabama, Ex Rel John R. Cooper, Director of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Plaintiff, through Attorney, Richele T. Harris. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the **29th day of August, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within **30 days** from the date of the last publication notice.

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

Done this the 25th day of July, 2025.

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

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ricky L Hayes, Diana L Hayes to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns dated January 21, 2022; said mortgage being recorded on February 9, 2022 in Deed Book 2001, Page 358, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2123, Page 489, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on September 4, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE ALONG THE WEST SECTION LINE S 1° 00' 35" W 660.56 FEET TO AN EXISTING NAIL; THENCE S 88° 19' 46" E 660.19 FEET TO AN EXISTING CAPPED 5/8' REBAR; THENCE N 00° 59' 27" E 660.15 FEET TO AN EXISTING CAPPED 5/8" REBAR ON THE NORTH SECTION LINE; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE N 88° 17' 37" W 659.98 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LESS AND EXCEPT ANY PART LYING WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE ROAD.

Said property is commonly known as **1759 County Road 641, Hanceville, AL 35077**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-245

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TERRY WADE DUTTON, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Crystal Penny Wray on the 4th day of August, 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.

Crystal Penny Wray
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

Steven C. Smith
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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Eddie M Forster, and spouse and Glenda A Forster to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for AHL Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns dated August 14, 2007; said mortgage being recorded on September 7, 2007 in Deed Book 1536, Page 419, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded in Deed Book 377, Page 290, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on July 10, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 23, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a found 1-1/2 inch pipe marking the Northeast Corner of said Section 23; thence South 0 degrees 32 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 2014.18 feet to a found iron at the Southeast Corner of Lot 9 of Richmond Estates Subdivision (Plat Book B, Page 323 A); thence South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along the accepted east line of said forty a distance of 347.32 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning, continue South 1 degree 37 minutes 21 seconds West along said accepted east line a distance of 313.01 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar iron marking the accepted Southeast Corner of the above described forty; thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes 36 seconds West the accepted south line of said forty a distance of 153.55 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence North 1 degree 37 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 313.95 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 153.55 feet to the true point of beginning.

Said property is commonly known as **741 County Road 695, Holly Pond, AL 35083**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST
as holder of said mortgage
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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until August 21, 2025, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, August 5, 2025

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, August 18, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request at 609 6th Street SE for side setback

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ALEA honors life and service of retired K-9 Pici

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — With deep respect and heavy hearts, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) on Monday, Aug. 4, announced the passing of retired K-9 Pici, a devoted and highly skilled working dog who served with distinction alongside Senior Trooper Brent Pickle in ALEA's Highway Patrol Division.

K-9 Pici was born on Oct. 4, 2018, and began her service with Sr. Trooper Pickle in June 2020. Together, the team played a vital role in public safety — removing dangerous narcotics and firearms from Alabama's roadways and supporting numerous operations throughout the state.

Known for her exceptional nose and unwavering drive, Pici made a particular impact in the Birmingham area, assisting both ALEA and local law enforcement agencies in narcotics detection efforts.

Due to medical complications, Pici retired early but gracefully transitioned from working dog to beloved companion. On Saturday, Aug. 2, Pici passed away after nearly a 10-month battle with bone cancer.

Following her passing over the weekend, Sr. Trooper Pickle wrote:

"Today was without question the hardest thing I've ever had to do. A working dog is more than 'just a pet'; they're a law enforcement officer just as we are.

"Pici was with me through countless pursuits and criminal arrests — she helped put away people who needed to be off our streets. She wasn't just my K-9 partner, she was my best friend. I'll be forever grateful for the privilege of being Pici's handler."

On her final morning, K-9 Pici enjoyed one last ride and a special breakfast of sausage biscuits and treats before passing peacefully by her partner's side at the Argo Animal Clinic — a facility Trooper Pickle credits with providing exceptional care not only to Pici, but to many working K-9s across the state.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Argo Animal Clinic for their expert care, their compassion and their commitment to Alabama's working dogs," Sr. Trooper Pickle added. "They helped us catch Pici's illness and they made sure she was pain-free for as long as possible."

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor echoed the sentiments of Sr. Trooper Pickle and praised K-9 Pici's extraordinary service:

"K-9 Pici embodied the courage, loyalty and dedication that define the law enforcement profession. She was not only an asset to ALEA but a protector of our communities. We mourn her passing, but we also celebrate a legacy of service that will not be forgotten."

Colonel Jonathan Archer, director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) also paid tribute to Pici's life and legacy stating, "K-9 Pici was more than a crime-fighting partner within our Highway Patrol Division – she was a symbol of loyalty, service and devotion. Her work helped make our roads safer and communities more secure.

"We are proud to honor her memory, and we are grateful for the incredible bond she shared with Sr. Trooper Pickle. The loss of a K-9 like Pici is felt deeply across our Agency."

To K-9 Pici: thank you for your unwavering devotion to duty and your fierce commitment to protecting the citizens of Alabama. Your paw prints will remain on the hearts of those who served with you and the many lives you helped safeguard.

Rest well, Pici. You've earned it.



ALEA

K-9 Pici

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 2-4

Beverly Ann Burch-Dabbs, 78
Funeral services for Beverly Ann Burch-Dabbs, 78, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Forest Hills Cemetery in Birmingham. Rev. Keith Hudson will officiate services. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Monday, August 4th at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ms. Dabbs was born on June 10, 1947, in Birmingham to the late Wiley Alexander and Lillian Marie Higginbotham-Burch. She died on Aug. 1, 2025, at Hanceville Nursing & Rehan Center in Hanceville. Survivors include her son, David (Sherry) Walker; granddaughter, Bethany Walker; sister, Elaine Marie Burch-Bedford; niece, Stacy Bedford; nephew, Joey (Amy) Bedford, Jr., great niece and nephew, Timothy Bryant Jr. and Kristen Bryant; and a host of many other loving great-great nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her parents, Ms. Dabbs was preceded in death by her great-great niece, Katelyn Bryant; and grandparents, Oscar & Georgie Higginbotham and Eugene & Bessie Burch. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Burch-Dabbs Family. Forest Hill Cemetery is located at 431 60th Street, North, Birmingham, Alabama 35212.

Kenneth David Ratliff, 52
Funeral services for Kenneth David Ratliff, 52, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating, with interment in Simcoe Baptist Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Ratliff was born on Feb. 19, 1973, to Frank and Inez Watson Ratliff. Kenneth loved music and playing the guitar. He loved his dog and was a wonderful, kind, and considerate person. He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Mark Ratliff. Survivors include his mother, Inez Watson; niece, Jennifer (Jason Hyde) Ratliff and her family, Destiny Barron, Nathan Barron, Noah Hyde, Henry Barron; and a host of family and friends.

Daniel 'Danny' Wallace, 84
Funeral services for Daniel 'Danny' Wallace, 84, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating, with interment in Nesmith Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5:30-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Wallace was born on Jan. 8, 1941, to Joseph and Daisy Dorene Runge Wallace. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of over 50 years, Vetron Wallace; brother, Emmett Wallace; sister, Betty Thomas, Martha Goodwin, Jo Goodwin. Survivors include his son, Rodney (Rhonda) Wallace; daughter, Regina (Murray) Brewer; sister, Irona Adamson; grandchildren, Jennifer (John) Price, Lindsey (Tim) Truelove, Hannah Brewer, Ryan (Breanna) Wallace, Ross (Chandra) Wallace; great-grandchildren, Matilda Price, Bonnie Truelove, Calvin Price, Abigail Crews, Ronan Price; and a host of family and friends.

Helga Hedwig Braseale, 87
Helga Hedwig Braseale, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully at her home on July 18, 2025. She was born June 6, 1938, in Pforzheim, Germany to Gottlob and Hedwig Steinle. Helga was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Buford "Jack" Braseale, her parents, and her sister, Gisela Schroth. Helga is survived by her daughter, Patricia Ann (Bill) Wilson, her son, John Frederick (Marcia) Braseale, her grandchildren, Amber, Adrian, Trent, and Ryan, as well as her great-grandson, Arlo. She also leaves other family members and friends who will fondly remember her. Her memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama. Visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by the service at 11 a.m. Helga met the love of her life, Jack, in 1962. He was a sergeant in the U.S. Army stationed in Kornwestheim, Germany. They married the next year and never left each other's side until his death in 1982. Helga grew up in Germany during WWII and her life as a child included routinely going to bomb shelters and being hungry, not knowing where their next meal would come from. She often told of how after the war, the Russians and the British would come into town and take the spoils of war. But the Americans came in with trucks loaded with food, medicine, and other supplies to give to the people. She said she fell in love with America as a child. One of her proudest moments was becoming an American citizen. She also loved Cullman and was proud that it was founded by German immigrants. Helga was a devoted wife and mother. She loved the Lord and attended Etha Baptist Church. Helga loved to spend time with her family and friends and she will be incredibly missed.

Brian Keith Edmondson, 50
Brian Keith Edmondson, age 50, of Falkville, Alabama passed away on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025. Brian was loving father and son. Brian is survived by his mother Barbara Edmondson and his father Terry Edmondson; his children Autumn Edmondson and Bryce Edmondson. A celebration of life visitation for Brian will be held Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

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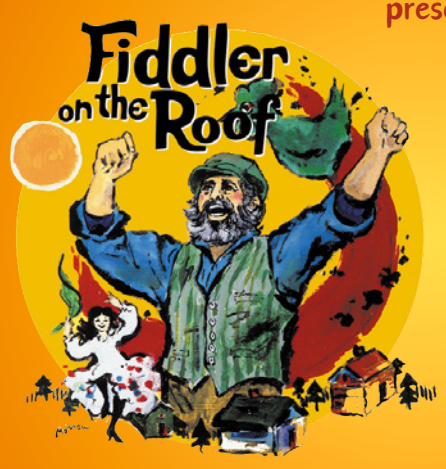
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