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# Baileyton residents express frustration with council proceedings

**Katie Spicer**
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**BAILEYTON, Ala.** — Mayor Windell Calloway commenced the monthly session of the Baileyton Town Council on Aug. 4, 2025. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Councilman Greg Griffin.

The council began by quickly reflecting on recent events. Mayor Calloway commended the profit of the summer Bargain Days events stating that the Town made over $11,000 over the past two months. He said, "This is money that we can use to put back into the park, and we have been very fortunate to have that."

Likewise, the Latham Horse Show had a successful turnout profiting over $1,600.

After setting dates for several upcoming events, the last order of business on the agenda was to hear from a resident about personal property stored in one of the Town's buildings.

After the council agreed to let the resident search for his property, » PAGE 5

# Gudger presents additional $1M to Cullman County Schools



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*The Cullman County Board of Education and other leaders, including Sen. Garlan Gudger, fourth from left, broke ground on the new Good Hope Elementary School on Thursday, July 24, 2025.*

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, on Wednesday presented a check for $1 million in additional State funds to Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and members of the Cullman County Board of Education.

"The first day of school is always special across Cullman County, and it is made even more special this year with an additional $1 million in education funding that we brought home from Montgomery," Gudger said.

"Our goal is to make Cullman County schools among the very best you will find anywhere in Alabama and to provide our children with a learning environment that allows them to excel and reach their fullest potential."

He noted that the additional $1 million will be used for capital projects that include school and facility improvements.

He said he anticipates announcing more positive news in the near future for Cullman City Schools, Cullman County Schools, Marion County Schools, Winston County Schools and Haleyville Schools.

"I am working every day to maximize the public education dollars and other resources that we can bring to schools, teachers and students throughout Senate District 4," Gudger said.

"In order to guarantee bright futures for our children and prosperity for our area, we must prepare students for the long-lasting, high-paying, 21st century jobs of tomorrow."

In addition to providing the $1 million in new funding, Gudger recently joined Barnette and school board members in cutting the ribbon on remodeled classrooms at Hanceville Elementary School and breaking ground on construction of the new Good Hope Elementary School.

Sparked by an increasing student population, construction of the new Good Hope Elementary is estimated to cost around $9 million, and officials announced in March that the old facility will be converted into a "ninth grade academy" that will ease crowding at the high school.

Remodeling classrooms and renovating the existing Hanceville Elementary building, which has been vacant, will allow it to reopen and also alleviate stresses from the fast-growing area's high student enrollment.

It will also allow Hanceville to offer Alabama's award-winning "First Class" Pre-K program, which has long been a model that other states have sought to emulate.



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## GingerBean is the purrfect mix of sweet and silly



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*GingerBean* » PAGE 7







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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 6

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 6, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

No arrests or incidents reported.

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Aug. 1**

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '24 Chev. Equinox; $300; Pear Dr. NW

**Aug. 4**

- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $6,700
- harassment; person
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '17 Kia Forte; $2,000; Cherokee Ave. SW
- harassment; person; Cullman Shopping Center

**Aug. 5**

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

**ARRESTS**

**Aug. 4-5**

**Moore, John A.; 44**

- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – switched tag

**Gomez, Humberto E.; 21**

- FTA – driving without license

**Bennett, Dakota L.; 25**

- FTA – insurance violation

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

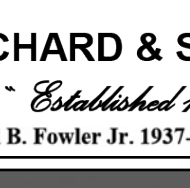
Find arrest and incident reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

## CORRECTION

In the article titled "Cullman City School Board, City Council forge stronger partnership for student safety," which was published on Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2025, Brian Bradberry was referred to as "Fire Chief." Bradberry is the public safety director for the City of Cullman.

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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.
- Tues, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Living Landscapes - Raising Backyard Poultry: Keeping chickens, ducks, quail, guineas, and turkeys. Interested in raising chickens or other backyard poultry? Learn which bird is for you and the best practices for keeping these animals for eggs, meat, or bug control. $15/person.

**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.

**Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting**
Monday, April 11, at noon at the Golden Corral Restaurant. A Dutch lunch begins shortly after 11 a.m. For our program we have Tracie Johnson, who is licensed and insured and offers personal assistant services. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest.

**Heartland Quilt Guild**
Thursday, Aug. 14, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

**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.

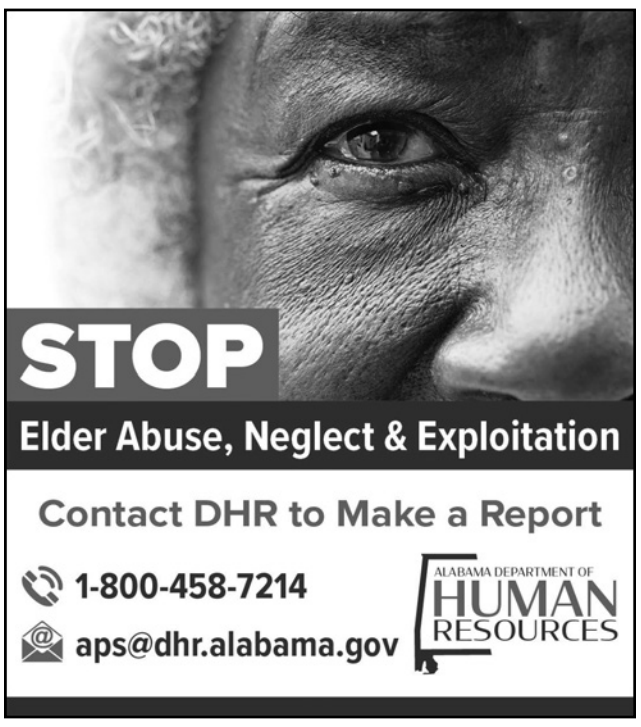
**Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast**
Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building from 6-9 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, eat-in or take-out, for a donation. The proceeds will benefit the Holly Pond Lions Club project fund and the food pantry located between town hall 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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PREP FOOTBALL

# Vinemont ready to hit the field this fall

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**VINEMONT, Ala.** — Fall is here, it's nearly time to kick off football season once again and that means the Vinemont Eagles are preparing to hit the field. The Eagles earned a spot in the 3A playoffs a season ago and with several impact players returning, they'll be eyeing a postseason return this year. Head Coach Stephen Robinson is entering his ninth season at the helm in Vinemont, and he was encouraged by the progress his team made in the offseason.

"We've had a great summer, it's been busy. We lost 13 seniors last year so that's a huge drop for a school our size, but we've got six seniors right now and they have all been on the field. A lot of them are two-way players, captains and leaders on the team," Robinson said. "We've had a really good summer and went to a couple of 7-on-7s. We had an OTA with Geraldine, and I expect them to be really good, so it's been good so far and we're ready to get started."

The Eagles will have a veteran core to lean on this season, but Robinson is excited to see how some of the younger players will be able to contribute as well.

"We've got a lot of young kids. We have a pretty large junior class and a pretty large freshman class so that's going to help fill some holes. Our junior class has some leaders like Josh Rhodes who y'all have seen and Gabe Herrera whose been on the field for a few years.

"In our freshman class we ended up starting three or four depending on whether we were playing Fyffe or Good Hope in the spring," Robinson said. "We started four on the defensive side of the ball and two on offense during the spring game. We didn't have (Josh) Rhodes in the spring due to an injury, but he's had a really good summer and has kind of gained that step back that he lost from surgery and he looks good. A lot of those freshmen have really come on too and we may have a couple of them in the rotation or even in starting spots by the time Aug. 22 rolls around."

Vinemont finished third in the Region 5 standings a season ago and Robinson expects the region title race to be competitive again this fall.

"I think Winfield is the team to beat hands down. They didn't lose many seniors, and they've got some defensive linemen that are really good players. They have a lot of really good players but there are two individuals up front that really stand out," Robinson said.

"Gordo has a new coach so they're changing from a spread attack to what I believe is going to be more of a power I attack so we'll have to see if there's any kind of adjustment period for those kids because that's a different mentality going from slinging it around all over the field to playing like we do. Oakman has a new coach, but he's been on staff, so I expect them to be similar to the way they have been. Hanceville of course has their quarterback coming back and he's a really good player and I think Midfield has a new coach as well so there will be a lot of new faces to see and a lot of new things to prepare for."

The Eagles aren't planning on tweaking things too much this fall but Robinson is looking forward to seeing how they can take advantage of their team speed. He's been very pleased to see the older leaders on the team take the younger players under their wing to help prepare them for Friday nights.

"I think as far as us, we'll be very similar to the way we've been. We do have a few more skill athletes this year whereas in the past we've had some more hardnosed, running attack type of athletes but I feel like we'll still be pretty similar. I feel like our defense will probably be the fastest, most athletic defense we've put on the field," Robinson said. "So, we'll see how we can hold up in the power situations, but I feel really good about these guys and where we're headed. This is a small group of seniors, but they have all been around and know how to do things. They're all good about taking the younger kids and leading them and showing them the right way to do things. We try to help put them in those situations to force them to coach those younger kids, so I feel really good about this senior class and all of our guys."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*The Vinemont Eagles will kick off the 2025 season at Falkville on Aug. 22*

**2025 Vinemont Football Schedule (3A, Region 5)**

- Aug. 22 – at Falkville
- Aug. 29 – Southeastern
- Sept. 5 – Phil Campbell*
- Sept. 12 – Midfield*
- Sept. 19 – at Carbon Hill*
- Sept. 26 – West End
- Oct. 3 – at Hanceville*
- Oct. 10 – at Gordo*
- Oct. 17 – Oakman*
- Oct. 24 – at Winfield*

*Region Game

PREP FOOTBALL

# Cold Springs preparing to get back on the gridiron

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**BREMEN, Ala.** — The Cold Springs Eagles are coming off a playoff appearance in 2024 and with some impact players returning to the field this fall, the Eagles will be eyeing a postseason return in 2025. Cold Springs Head Coach Brendan Voce is preparing to kick off the fourth year of his tenure and he's optimistic after a great offseason from his team.

"I truly feel like since football season ended a year ago, we've had maybe our best offseason program," Voce said.

"We had tremendous improvements in the weight room and that led into the spring game where I thought we played really well and then in the summer we've competed more than we ever have as far as 7-on-7s. So, we're super excited to get going."

Cold Springs will open the season on Aug. 21 with a county battle against the Hanceville Bulldogs and Voce and his team are looking forward to the matchup. County games are always special for the players involved and Voce hopes to have more of those matchups on Eagles' schedule in the future.

"We're super excited to play Hanceville. When I played back in the day it seemed like it meant a lot when you got to play county schools and that's something that's become really difficult as far as scheduling," Voce said. "Hanceville is the only county school we have on the schedule this time and we're hoping maybe next year we can add one or two county schools, but I think it means a lot to these kids to play against kids that they're familiar with."

One of the leaders of this year's team, Trey Bailey, has been impressed with the way the younger players on the team approached the offseason and is excited to see them contribute under the lights this fall.

"The younger guys on the football team have really showed up and showed out I think," Bailey said. "You've got younger kids like Eli Voce, Micah Hendricks and a couple of others that have really shown out in the weight room and they're putting in a lot of work to try and better themselves and better the team."

Voce and his staff have been working to adjust to the personnel they have this season and that started in the summer with an increase in 7-on-7 work. With talent and experience returning at the skill positions, the Eagles want to find and take advantage of as many impact players as they can.

"The 7-on-7s have been really good for us. In the past, we've tried to go to maybe one in the summer and this year we went to Addison twice to compete and one at Fairview and another at Good Hope," Voce said. "We have a lot different team this year. We don't necessarily have the big running back that likes to power it in there, we have a lot more skill guys so I think those 7-on-7s will really benefit us this season."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*The Cold Springs Eagles will kick off the 2025 season against Hanceville on Aug. 21.*

**2025 Cold Springs Football Schedule (2A, Region 6)**

- Aug. 21 – Hanceville
- Aug. 29 – Curry
- Sept. 5 – at Susan Moore
- Sept. 12 – Cleveland
- Sept. 19 – at Winston County
- Sept. 26 – at Lynn
- Oct. 3 – West End
- Oct. 10 – Coosa Christian
- Oct. 17 – at Southeastern
- Oct. 24 – at Falkville

*Region Game









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*Teachers and other school staff met at the Cullman County Board of Education Teacher Institute on Aug. 1, at Desperation Church ahead of the new school year.*

# CCBOE Teacher Institute held at Desperation Church

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Teachers and other school staff met at the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) Teacher Institute on Aug. 1, at Desperation Church ahead of the new school year.

Teachers were treated to a meal and giveaways, and there were booths manned by sponsors including First National Bank, the Alabama Education Association, the Cullman Electric Cooperative and United Way of Cullman County.

Speakers included Alabama Senate President Pro Tempore Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Holly Pond graduate John Garcia; UWCC Executive Director Stephanie Childers and Cullman County Sheriff's Office Lt. Chad Whaley.

Whaley spoke on the importance of resource officers at schools.

"We're excited for the new things going on from a safety standpoint," he said. "I was a resource officer for many years. To me, that's the most important job at the sheriff's office. We hold those guys to a very high standard, and having said that, take advantage of them."

Cullman County Schools students return Aug. 7, to begin the 2025-2026 school year.




# Wallace State Sonography Program celebrates recent graduates

**Special to The Cullman Tribune**



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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Wallace State Community College honored the Class of 2025 from its Diagnostic Medical Sonography program's Obstetrics & Gynecology (OB/GYN) pathway during a pinning ceremony that celebrated the students' achievements, resilience and camaraderie.

Class President Lauren Scarborough reflected on the transformative year, sharing heartfelt remarks about the group's growth, perseverance and unwavering support for one another.

"Last August, I thought this day would never come," Scarborough said. "But here we are, in the blink of an eye, graduating. We've grown not only academically but into the people we were meant to be. I'm incredibly proud of how we never let stress affect our support for each other. Our future is bright, and I can't wait to see the amazing things we are going to accomplish."

Program Director Dr. April Sutherland praised the class for their unity and determination, describing them with one defining word: camaraderie.

"Camaraderie means the mutual trust and friendship among people that spend a lot of time together. And I would say that that's definitely this group," Sutherland said. "You ladies have spent a great deal of time with one another over the past year. I've watched you grow close as a group."

Sutherland praised the students for their perseverance and noted the significance of the pin they received during the ceremony.

"What this pin signifies is your ability to push through," she said.

"It represents all the lectures and all the studying and literally sweating through those on-campus labs. This pin represents that no matter hard you try to forget, that you did take and pass acoustic physics.

"But while this pin signifies successful completion it does not indicate the end. It means you made it to the beginning, the beginning of your career in healthcare. A career that will allow you to provide for yourself, to provide for your family, while taking care of others."

The ceremony also included special recognitions.

**Members of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography OB/GYN Class of 2025 include:**

**Arley:** Reagan Aaron

**Boaz:** Mindy Rains

**Cleveland:** Abigail McGrady

**Hartselle:** Heidi Beltran

**Hayden:** Ashlee Barnett, class secretary

**Helena:** Lauren Scarborough, class president

**Huntsville:** Melanie Becerra

**Jasper:** Olivia Dodd, class treasurer

**Morris:** Madeline Snow, class historian

**Warrior:** Breanna Brady, class vice president

**Niceville, Fla.:** Madison Silvas

Wallace State's Diagnostic Medical Sonography program offers three pathways for students to pursue a career in sonography. Those include Abdominal/Vascular, Cardiovascular and Obstetrics & Gynecology. Applications are accepted each year between March 1 and June 1 for fall entry. Completion of two semesters of prerequisite courses are required before applying to the program.

# Baileyton (from Front)

another resident requested the floor. Mayor Calloway declined to hear from any other parties.

At the adjournment of the meeting, Mayor Calloway excused himself, but several council members and residents stayed behind to discuss what they would like to see changed in the upcoming year.

Resident Vance Easterwood stated that he would like a more streamlined process for being added to the agenda. "I sent an email and tried to contact them through the Cullman Chamber of Commerce but could never get in touch with anybody," he said.

An anonymous resident asked for more park access or at least posted times designating the park's availability. "I drove to the park a few different times this weekend and it was closed and locked every time," she stated.

Michelle Fisher stated that she would like to have more transparency about the Town's budget and agenda and requested that both be available to residents at each meeting.

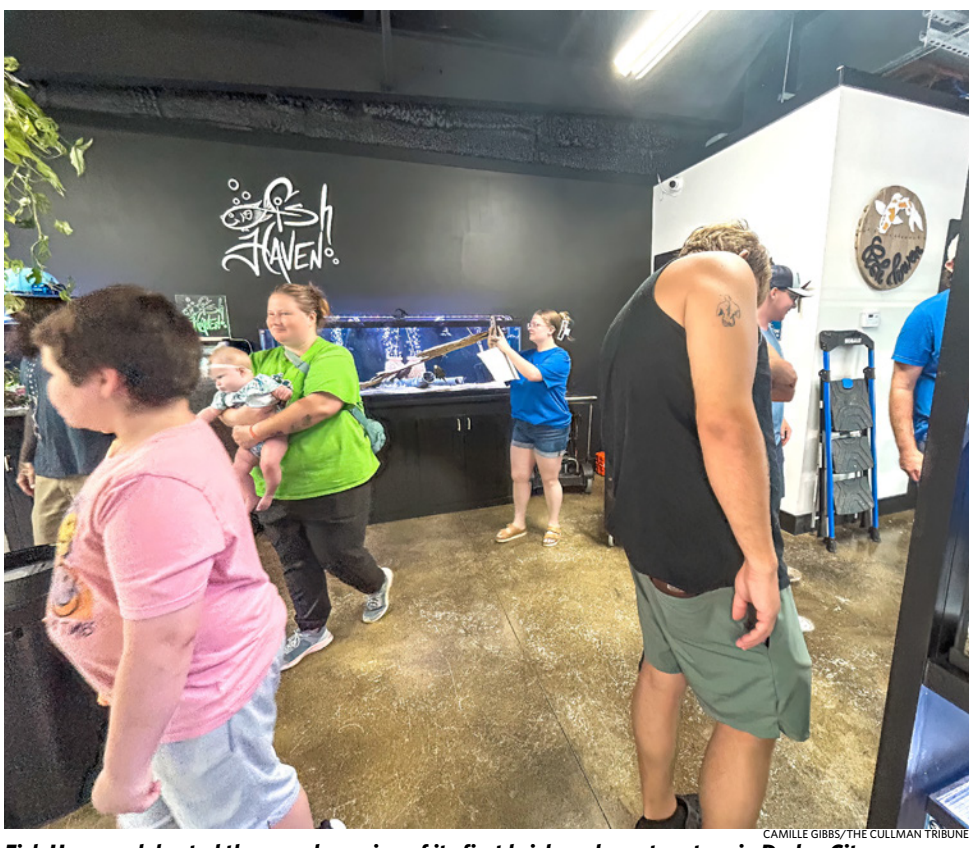
Residents expressed their excitement to make their voices heard at the Baileyton Municipal Election, which will take place Aug. 26, 2025.

**In other business:**

- Parkside Back-to-School Bash is scheduled for Aug. 5, 2025
- Founders Day Festival set for Sept. 20, 2025. Contact baileytonalevents@gmail.com for an application. Application deadline is Sept. 1, 2025.

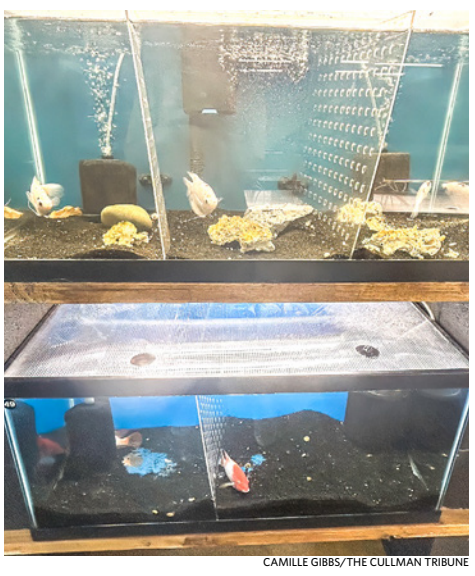
The next town council meeting will be Monday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.

# Fish Haven holds grand opening in Dodge City




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*Fish Haven celebrated the grand opening of its first brick-and-mortar store in Dodge City on Aug. 1. Around 200 people made reservations to visit the new store, and lots of others showed up. Fish Haven says it "specializes in rarity and oddball freshwater tropical fish." It has a wide variety of rare and exotic freshwater and saltwater fish for sale. It also carries water test kits, fish food and tanks of different sizes. Guests at the opening could win prizes and employees provided expert advice on fish care and tank setup. Fish Haven is located at 3870 Alabama Highway 69.*



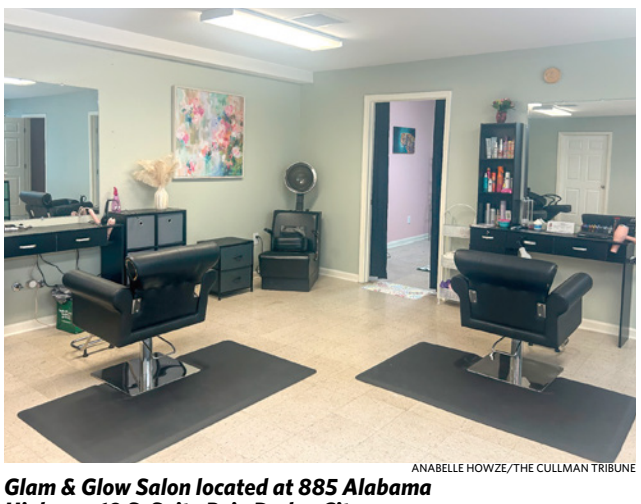
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# Glam & Glow Salon opens in Dodge City

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ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

*Glam & Glow Salon located at 885 Alabama Highway 69 S, Suite B, in Dodge City.*

**DODGE CITY, Ala.** — On Monday, Aug. 4, a new business opened in Dodge City. Glam & Glow Salon, a full-service hair and tanning salon, is now open and ready to welcome customers with a variety of services.

Owner Lori Self said she saw a need for more beauty services in the Dodge City area and decided to fill that gap.

"There was one other salon and a barber shop here," Self said. "I just thought — why not bring something special to this part of town?"

Located in the former Dodge City Browser, the salon offers full-service hair, waxing, spray tanning and Sunday tanning sessions. A makeup bar is also available for pageants, weddings and special occasions. There are plans to add professional hair products soon.

Glam & Glow is more than just a salon, according to Self. It's a passion project to boost confidence in people throughout the Cullman community. "When you look good, you feel good. I want everyone who walks in to feel beautiful. Men, women, all are welcome," she said.

Though there is no specific date, a grand opening celebration is in the works. Glam & Glow Salon located at 885 Alabama Highway 69 S, Suite B, in Dodge City. Find it online at Facebook/Glam & Glow Salon.

# City school board meeting notes: Aug. 5, 2025

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman City Board of Education met Aug. 5, to address a series of action and personnel items.

The board awarded bid 25-06 to Forestwood Farm Inc. for the district's fresh produce supply.

Two major construction change orders for Cullman Intermediate School were also approved: a $30,100.16 expense for a new water line to support the school's STEM lab and a $261,542 adjustment to replace unsuitable soil on site.

Cullman City Primary School employee resignations were approved, along with several employee transfers and new hires. Conditional employment was granted to six individuals pending background checks and certification, including multiple special education instructional assistants. The board approved coaching supplements, professional development stipends and contracts for part-time bus routes and the district's Extended Day Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

The meeting concluded after the approval of the personnel report.

# Center Hill Baptist invites community to join choir

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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Center Hill Baptist Church in Hanceville recently made a public invite to the community to join choir rehearsals.

Center Hill's pastor's wife Angelyn Riggs said she is also the worship/choir leader and wanted to get the community involved in their program.

"We will be preparing for a program to perform at Christmas," Riggs said. "I've never put the invite out publicly before. Usually it's just our small church choir. But, if others show up wanting to be involved, they are very welcome and we can make it a community thing."

Riggs shared that they are simply a small town choir preparing for a Christmas program.

"We will be performing the 'Breath of Heaven' Christmas cantata by Brentwood/Benson; however, we will most likely not perform the entire cantata because it's quite long," Riggs said.

"This is a laid-back, ministry focused choir. We love singing and worshiping together."

Center Hill Baptist Church will host choir rehearsals on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. twice a month. It is located at 13108 County Road 747 in Hanceville.

For more information, visit Center Hill Baptist Church Hanceville Al on Facebook.

# Fairview (from Front)

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**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** — Mayor Keith Henry commenced the monthly session of the Fairview Town Council on Aug. 4, 2025. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Julie Grimes and the Pledge of Allegiance led by the mayor.

The meeting opened with Mayor Henry introducing some special guests in attendance. Clint Hayes, Eddie Robertson and Devin Henry. Fairview's Municipal Election was slated to take place Aug. 26; however, all seats are unopposed. Hayes is the sole qualifier for mayor. Mayor Henry announced last month that he will not seek re-election. Devin Henry will be assuming Place 2 on the council in place of Joseph Black. Robertson will be assuming Place 4 on the council in place of Robert Johnson. Devin Henry and Robertson are both running for their positions unopposed. Places 1, 3 and 5 will remain unchanged, with Charles Banister, Steve Eddleman and Julie Grimes retaining their seats.

Mayor Henry encouraged the upcoming mayor and council members, stating, "We will have one more meeting before you take over. Between now and November, I'll be glad to go over anything with you, lay your finances out to you and update you on any projects we've got going on. I'll be glad to assist you in any way I can."

There will be one election on Aug. 26. The State House District 11 General Election will take place that day, with polls open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Candidates are Republican Heath Allbright and Democrat Alexandria Braswell.

The next order of business concerned the local trailer park demolition. In January 2025 the council voted to close the trailer park located on Wesley Avenue and have residents relocated by June 2025. Now that the park has been vacated, the council has been taking bids for a company to complete the demolition and cleanup of the area.

After the most recent advertisement period, only one company submitted a bid. A&G Construction submitted a bid for $55,000 and stated the job could be completed within a 3-4 week period. Mayor Henry made the recommendation to decline the bid due to the high expense. The council agreed and voted to table the discussion for another month to explore more cost-effective options.

**In new business:**

- Preconstruction meeting for the sewer line needed to support Jack's Family Restaurant was set for Aug. 5, 2025
- Projected opening date for Jack's Family Restaurant is Dec. 1, 2025

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sept. 1, 2025, at Fairview Town Hall located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.




## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS**
**HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11**

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STA TE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Special General Election for House District 11, on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

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| **Absentee Box** | |
| Susan Richardson | Inspector |
| Lisa Andrews | Chief Clerk |
| Debbie Nelson | Clerk |
| Debra Strickland | Clerk |
| **Baileyton Senior Center** | **Precinct 20 Box 1** |
| Greg Hendrix | Inspector |
| Pat Gilbert | Chief Clerk |
| James Fisher | Clerk |
| Bobby Martin | Clerk |
| Joan Weaver | Clerk |
| **Berlin Community Center** | **Precinct 23** |
| Jim Barnett | Inspector |
| Jennifer Lambert | Chief Clerk |
| Emily Lambert | Clerk |
| Marie Sanford | Clerk |
| **Brooklyn Community Center** | **Precinct 20 Box 2** |
| Clarence Benefield | Inspector |
| Lucy Benefield | Chief Clerk |
| Phillip Kelsoe | Clerk |
| Earl Porters | Clerk |
| Paulette Porters | Clerk |
| **Center Hill Community Center** | **Precinct 31** |
| Keith Burns | Inspector |
| Tara Meharg | Chief Clerk |
| Wendy Jenkins | Clerk |
| Sheila Nuss | Clerk |
| **Cullman Office Bldg (Basement)** | **Precinct 1 Box 4** |
| Michael Sullins | Inspector |
| Elizabeth Collicott | Chief Clerk |
| Judy Boike | Clerk |
| Joan Calvert | Clerk |
| Susy Stokes | Clerk |
| **East Point Community Center** | **Precinct 35** |
| Leslie Calloway | Inspector |
| Tim Sellers | Chief Clerk |
| Virginia Pattillo | Clerk |
| Melanie Vincent | Clerk |
| **Fairview Fire Dept A-K** | **Precinct 28 Box 1** |
| Darrell Bailey | Inspector |
| Sherry Bailey | Chief Clerk |
| Jason Bryan | Clerk |
| Jimmie Grimes | Clerk |
| **Fairview Town Hall L-Z** | **Precinct 28 Box 2** |
| Amy Haynes | Inspector |
| Debbie Shedd | Chief Clerk |
| Hugh Harris | Clerk |
| Diana Waldrop | Clerk |
| **Friendship Baptist Church** | **Precinct 30** |
| Dennis Swafford | Inspector |
| Gail Swafford | Chief Clerk |
| Jimmy Alldredge | Clerk |
| Deborah Davis-Hood | Clerk |
| **Gold Ridge Community Center** | **Precinct 19** |
| Anthony Graham | Inspector |
| Jody Graham | Chief Clerk |
| Regina Jacobsen | Clerk |
| CL Arrington | Clerk |
| **Hanceville Senior Center 1** | **Precinct 3 Box 1** |
| Christine Larkins | Inspector |
| Anna Gotch | Chief Clerk |
| Latrice Colvin | Clerk |
| Yvonne Grund | Clerk |
| **Hanceville Senior Center 2** | **Precinct 3 Box 2** |
| Brenda Carter | Inspector |
| Patricia Tucker | Chief Clerk |
| Danie Nail | Clerk |
| Larry Tucker | Clerk |
| **Holly Pond Fire Department** | **Precinct 22** |
| Danny Alldredge | Inspector |
| Vickie Alldredge | Chief Clerk |
| Tanya Hays | Clerk |
| Tina Holcombe | Clerk |
| Robbi Kimberly | Clerk |
| **Joppa Fire Department** | **Precinct 21 Box 1** |
| Joan Creel Harper | Inspector |
| Brenda Creel | Chief Clerk |
| Caroletta Scofield | Clerk |
| Austin Murphree | Clerk |
| **New Canaan Senior Center** | **Precinct 21 Box 2** |
| Angel Casey | Inspector |
| John Casey | Chief Clerk |
| Dori Poole | Clerk |
| Dorinda Poole | Clerk |
| **Providence Fire Department** | **Precinct 18 Box 2** |
| Andy Dyer | Inspector |
| Edward Green | Chief Clerk |
| Bridgett Rodgers | Clerk |
| Heath Rodgers | Clerk |
| **Simcoe Community Center** | **Precinct 32** |
| E.J. Carter | Inspector |
| Sherry England | Chief Clerk |
| Edwin Dixon | Clerk |
| Brenda Maynard | Clerk |
| **Vinemont Community Center** | **Precinct 18 Box 1** |
| Kathy Waddell | Inspector |
| Gary Waddell | Chief Clerk |
| Nina Justice | Clerk |
| Joann Oakley | Clerk |
| **Walter Community Center** | **Precinct 24** |
| Phillip Hicks | Inspector |
| Angela Robertson | Chief Clerk |
| Debra Delamont | Clerk |
| William Sinyard | Clerk |
| **Welti Mt. Zion Church** | **Precinct 25** |
| Vanessa McDaniel | Inspector |
| Kristi Baker | Chief Clerk |
| Joyce Allen | Clerk |
| Merry Duke | Clerk |

***Tammy Brown,*** Judge of Probate

***Lisa McSwain,*** Circuit Clerk

***Matt Gentry,*** Sheriff

Signatures on file in the Probate Office.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST**
**HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11**

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11 VOTERS

There will be a PUBLIC TEST held for the Precinct Ballot Counter to be used on August 26, 2025, in the Special General Election for House District 11.

The public test will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Cullman County Court Referral Building, 2051 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

***Tammy Brown***
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**
**HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11**

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11 VOTERS

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Special General Election will be held in **House District (HD) 11**, Cullman County, Alabama, on TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025. The following office will be on the ballot:

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 11**

***Tammy Brown***
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

**NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION**
**HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11**

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office
Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 11 VOTERS

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in House District (HD) 11, Cullman County, Alabama, on THURSDAY, August 14, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Pursuant to *Ala. Code* §17-8-9 *(a)* all election workers selected by the Appointing Board to work in this Special General Election are required to attend.
Thank you for your service.

***Tammy Brown***
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

ALBRIGHT JOHNNY, Plaintiff,
V.
THE HEIRS & DEVISEES OF H. M. PLUNKETT, DECEASED, Defendant.
Case No.: CV-2025-900163.00

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

This matter is before the Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint and motion for service by publication. Having considered the complaint and motion, the Court finds that the action is appropriate for service by publication upon the real property described above and the heirs and devisees of H. M. Plunkett, deceased and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above described lands,

IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the heirs and devisees of H. M. Plunkett, deceased and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above described lands must answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff by the 15th day of September, 2025, or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants. It is further

ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

**DONE this 22nd day of July, 2025.**

/s/ EMILY N JOHNSTON
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

JOHNNY ALBRIGHT
Plaintiffs,
VS.
CASE NO.: CV-2025-900163.00

6.8 acres in Section 25, Township 9, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as beginning 1115' West of Southeast Corner of Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; then North 440'; Northwest 650'; Southeast 120'; West 30' crossing road; South 415'; East 635'(crossing road) to Point of Beginning.

AND

The heirs and devisees of of H. M. Plunkett, deceased; C.D. E.F., and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands,

Defendants.

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

**NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:

6.8 ACRES IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 9, RANGE 1 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING 1115' WEST OF SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; THEN NORTH 440'; NORTHWEST 650'; SOUTHEAST 120'; WEST 30' CROSSING ROAD; SOUTH 415'; EAST 635'(CROSSING ROAD) TO POINT OF BEGINNING.

and the heirs and devisees of H. M. Plunkett, deceased and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title by Johnny Albright by the 15th day of September, 2025, or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against such Defendants in the above captioned case number CV-2025-900163.00 now pending in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

LISA MCSWAIN
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY
Beverly Paschal Poston
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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TO: The Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 4 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Cullman County Circuit Court.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney at Law

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# GingerBean (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Meet GingerBean, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. She's a gorgeous 1-year-old tortoiseshell domestic short-hair whose personality is as colorful as her coat.

This sweet girl blends an engaging and trusting nature with a dash of playful court-jester charm, bringing smiles to everyone she meets.

Her respectful demeanor toward all — human and animal alike — makes her a strong candidate for the perfect companion or even a therapy cat. "I just love this precious soul!" shared one caretaker, a sentiment that's hard to miss once you meet her.

If you're looking for a cat who's equal parts affectionate, respectful and fun loving, GingerBean might just be your match. GingerBean's adoption fee is $100, which includes spay, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If GingerBean has already found her forever home by the time you arrive, don't worry — many of her equally wonderful friends are still waiting to meet you.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

# Obituary Announcements: Aug. 5-6

**Walter Emerson Busby, 72**
In Loving Memory of Walter "Buzz" Emerson Busby May 4, 1953 – August 4, 2025 Walter Emerson Busby, lovingly known as "Buzz," passed away peacefully on August 4, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on May 4, 1953, in Hamilton, Ohio to Lillian and J.M. Busby, Buzz lived a vibrant, full life marked by creativity, kindness, and an unwavering dedication to those he loved. Buzz was a man of many talents. A gifted mechanic and car restoration expert by trade, he poured his heart into every engine he fixed and every classic car he brought back to life. His pride and joy, a beautifully restored '66 Mustang, was a showstopper at car shows, earning numerous awards and turning heads wherever it went. His passion for automobiles wasn't just about the cars—it was about craftsmanship, history, and sharing that love with others. Long before his time under the hood, Buzz expressed himself through art. As a young man, his sculptures were showcased in the prestigious Art Institute of Chicago—a testament to his innate creativity and vision. That same spark of expression carried into later years when he took the stage as an ETA (Elvis Tribute Artist). Performing brought him immense joy, and it showed in every smile he inspired and every crowd he entertained. He cherished the stage, the music, and most of all, the people whose lives he touched with his talent and heart. But beyond all of his passions and achievements, Buzz's greatest pride was his family. He was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a proud grandfather who believed in hard work, laughter, and making every moment count. He had the rare gift of making everyone feel like family—he truly never met a stranger. Whether through a warm smile, a helping hand, or a shared story, Buzz left a lasting impression on everyone who crossed his path. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Lillian and J.M., and his brother Jimmy Busby. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Suzie Busby; his children: Jason (Leigh Ann) Busby, Crystal (Kavin) Gibson, and Brittney (Johnny) Beckmann; and his cherished grandchildren: Brody Gibson, Jase Busby, Ashton Gibson, Jaleigh Busby, Banks Busby, Mason Beckmann, Hunter Beckmann, and Rowan Beckmann Buzz lived by the motto "TCB"—Taking Care of Business—which he did every day of his life. And to his grandchildren, he often said what they will always hold close to their hearts: "I love you to infinity and beyond." A private "Celebration of Life" will be held at a later date, where loved ones will gather to remember the man who gave so much and asked for so little. His memory will live on through every car show, every song, every laugh, and every story shared around the table. We will miss him dearly, love him always, and carry his legacy forever in our hearts. Walter E has left the building. Peace...Out.

**Bonnie Jean Watkins, 59**
Funeral Service for Bonnie Jean Watkins, age 59 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Paul Campbell and Bro. Tim Kelly officiating; burial at Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Miss Watkins passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at her residence. She was born, May 19, 1966, to Archie Robert Watkins and Onzell Margieree Kelso Watkins. She loved bird watching, cats, flowers, reading her daily devotion and bible, crossword puzzles and especially spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Robert Wayne Watkins and John Watkins; sister, Margie Hill. Survivors include her daughter, Brittney (Anthony) Blackmon; grandson, Lane Blackmon; brother, Randy Watkins; sisters, Linda Sue (Herman) Haney and Betty (Ricky) Smith; special sister, Lisa (Wes) Arrowood; aunt, Mary White and a host of very special nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Lane Blackmon, Anthony Blackmon, Ricky Farr, Daniel Todd, Chris Grimes and Evan Todd.

**Margaret Alberta Jetton, 95**
Margaret Alberta Jetton, 95, born in Athens Alabama & long-time resident of Clearwater, Florida, entered her eternal rest on August 3, 2025. Margaret was born on June 9, 1930, in Athens Alabama, to Mary Elizabeth Daly Buchanan & Albert Floyd Buchanan. Margaret worked as a waitress in Alabama and worked as a cook at Dunedin Elementary School, where she retired from. Her and Virgil also owned Jetton produce market. She was an active community member in Wood Valley heading up the neighborhood watch for 35 years. She was in the police auxiliary and on the board of juvenile justice for years. She was awarded citizen of the year in 2003 and had the technology center at the Wood Valley Rec Center named in her honor. Margaret was a member of Countryside Baptist Church where she served as a greeter, attended bible studies, volunteered at events & the clothes closet and very much enjoyed the music and message each week. Upon moving to Assisted Living she became an ambassador greeting new residents and making them feel welcomed and at home. She is survived by her son Allen (Heidi), Bo (Becky), Son in law Roy, her grandchildren; Paula, Lee (Lisa), Melissa (Keith), Connor, Ryan (Josalynn), Scott (Crystal), Brittney (Ryan), Matt and her great grand-children Laney, Brooke, Bristol, Kaiden, Parker, Ella, Grady, Hannah & Jacob. She was preceded in death by her husband Virgil, Daughter Gail, grandson in law Danny and her siblings Richard, Louise, Albert Jr, Bill, Johnny, Pauline & Harry. A memorial service will be held Saturday August 9, 2025, at 3 p.m., Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, 255 County Road 1435, Cullman, AL 35058. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to 2 p.m. Will be followed by graveside service at Oak Level Baptist Cemetery, 1272 County Road 1635 Cullman, AL 35058.

**Garry Dwayne McDonald, 69**
Garry Dwayne McDonald, a longtime resident of Holly Pond, passed away on August 4, 2025, at the age of 69. Mr. McDonald was born October 4, 1955, to Russel Ferrell and Bonnie Mae Doyle McDonald. Mr. McDonald served our nation honorably in the United States Airforce, giving selflessly of himself to ensure our freedom and well-being. Garry is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sisters, Susan McDonald Vodvarka, and Kay McDonald Shedd; nieces, Christina Evangelista (Rico), and Tomeesa LeAnn Shedd; cousin, Dwayne Denney (Pam); as well as many loving extended family members. Funeral services for Mr. McDonald will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2025, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. with services to follow at 1 p.m. Mr. McDonald will be laid to rest alongside his parents in Redan Cemetery immediately following services. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the McDonald family.

**Willadean Moon Lindley, 92**
Willadean "Deano" Moon Lindley, age 92, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Willadean was a devoted and loving mother, known for her generous heart and willingness to help anyone in need. She spent her life caring for others and left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her. Willadean is survived by her son, David Lindley; her brothers, Oliver Moon and Rudy Moon; and her sisters-in-law, Margaret Moon, Rita Lindley, Joy Lindley, and Edna Duncan. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Earnest Lindley; her parents, Gordon and Virdie Moon; her brother, Joel Moon; brothers-in-law, Att Lindley, Jerry Lindley, Delmer Lindley, Don Lindley, and Billy Wayne Duncan; and sisters-in-law, Sherry Lindley and Mae Jean Lindley. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2025, at Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 14906 County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053. Willadean will lie-in-state from 1 p.m. until service time at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, located at 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Willadean will be laid to rest in Mt. Hope Cemetery. To leave condolences for the Lindley family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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