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Myrex wins District 12 runoff

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Republican Cindy Myrex bested Republican Clint Hollingsworth in the State House District 12 Special Primary Runoff Election Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Hollingsworth collected 41.47% (2,160) of the vote, while Myrex got 58.53% (3,048).

Alabama Republican Party Chief of Staff Shannon Whitt released the following statement Tuesday night:

"We are grate- » PAGE 7



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Republican Cindy Myrex and Democrat Matthew Glover are the two candidates for the State House District 12 Special General Election, which will take place Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025.

Cullman County Schools awarded largest grant in system history for new STEM Academy



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette holds a press conference at the site of the planned STEM Academy on U.S. Highway 31 on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and officials with Cullman County Schools announced a major investment in future plans for the school system on Tuesday. The district has been awarded an $18 million grant from the Alabama State Department of Education. Those funds will be used to construct a state-of-the-art STEM Academy and career center. The new Cullman County STEM Academy will be built on a 79-acre tract of land in the Phelan community, on U.S. Highway 31.

"I am ecstatic to announce that we have received approval for the largest single grant that we have ever received in the 100-plus years of Cullman County Schools history.

"Over the past eight years, we have been advocating for funds to build a new career center. Dr. (T.J.) Franey and I have traveled everywhere from Montgomery to Washington begging for funds and writing every grant we could possibly write but most of those were for equipment or to renovate our current space, not to build anything new," Barnette said.

"Senator Garlan Gudger and I have been discussing for several years what it would look like if we could build a new career center and what that would do for our community.

"We've dreamed together many times, and I know he's written letters and talked to different people trying to secure these funds. We were approved for an $18 million grant that will go toward building a brand new, modern career center for the students of Cullman County and Cullman city.

"This is monumental for not only the Cullman County and Cullman City students that currently attend our career center, but the entire Cullman County community."

The new facility will be built on 79 acres of land the system is purchasing in the Phelan community, on U.S. Highway 31. Barnette and school officials have been working for almost a decade to secure funding for such a center and thanked Gudger as well as State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey as well as the Alabama State Department of Education for awarding this grant to the school system.

"This is a perfect location," Barnette said. "This new facility will be centrally located in Cullman County, with easy access for all of our students."

Barnette said he believes this new facility will open new doors for our students.

"I believe that building a completely new, modern STEM Academy in which young people will be eager to attend, will be a game-changer when it comes to providing the workforce for local industries and businesses, but also for these young people as they develop a skill that they will enjoy and can use to provide for their families for years to come."

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Susan Eller announces re-election campaign for Good Hope City Council, Place 3



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Dixie's heart is as big as her smile



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 13, 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. 11

- burglary-3rd degree; McCaw Hydraulics; cash; Sportsman Lake Rd.
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- forgery-1st degree; Cullman County Commission; cash
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Oakmont Dr. SE
- theft of property-1st degree; D.R. Horton; shingles; $3,200; Addison Way SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Legos; $140; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $206; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-2nd degree; theft of property-3rd degree; Nature's Effects/person; cash
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

Aug. 12

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $392; Olive St. SW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '11 GMC Sierra; 3rd St. SE
- harassment, menacing; person; Elm Dr. SE

ARRESTS

Aug. 11-12

Couch, Brandon S.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – driving while revoked

Barnett, Gretchen S.; 50
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Glassco, Scotty W.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree

Culpepper, Russell L.; 37
- theft of property-4th degree

Wimbs, Avery N.; 27
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving while suspended

Miller, Heather M.; 41
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Speegle, Rodney C.; 48
- GJ – fraudulent use of credit/debit card (4 counts)
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – driving without license

Moore, Christopher L.; 45
- theft of property-4th degree

Nunnelley, Justin G.; 38
- FTA – DUI
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – insurance violation

Phillips, Rodney J.; 45
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Former First Community Bank VP Kellie Johnson sentenced to 5 years in prison for embezzlement scheme

Staff Reports
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A Cullman woman has been sentenced for her involvement in an embezzlement scheme, U.S. Attorney Prim F. Escalona announced on Tuesday, Aug. 12.

U.S. District Court Judge Liles C. Burke sentenced Kellie L. Johnson, 54, of Cullman, Alabama, to 60 months in prison followed by 60 months supervised release. In May, Johnson pleaded guilty to bank embezzlement.

According to the plea agreement, Johnson was employed with First Community Bank for approximately 25 years. Between July 2013 and June 2023, Johnson embezzled money from First Community Bank's Federal Reserve account to pay personal expenses, primarily credit card bills. To conceal her scheme, Johnson falsified transactions to reconcile the balance of the Federal Reserve account in the bank's general ledger and deleted her ACH transactions. Johnson also altered account statements sent by the Federal Reserve that she was required to provide to the bank president, auditors, and others. The scheme ended when the bank president received a call from the Federal Reserve notifying him that the bank's ACH account was overdrawn. When the bank president asked Johnson to provide the latest account statement, she provided a fraudulent statement showing a positive balance in the account. Over the decade that she stole money from the bank, Johnson conducted approximately 273 fraudulent ACH transactions totaling over $2.3 million. Additionally, Johnson deprived the bank of $138,185.40 in interest income to the Federal Reserve account.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation investigated the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura D. Hodge prosecuted the case.







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Friday, Aug. 15 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Saturday, Aug. 16 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
- Sunday, Aug. 17 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. 2 p.m. prayer service.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville
- Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
- Wednesday, Aug. 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
- 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.

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.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055







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PREP FOOTBALL

Bearcats working to be 'Ready and Resilient' this fall

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Kickoff of the 2025 season is right around the corner and the Cullman Bearcats have been hard at work this offseason preparing to hit the field once again. The 'Cats will have some new faces on the field and on the sideline this fall as Head Coach Trent Walker prepares to kick off his first season at the helm. Walker graduated from Cullman High School in 2005 and spent several years working as an assistant under former head coaches Mark Britton, Matt Plunkett and Oscar Glasscock before taking the head coaching job at Lawrence County in 2021. Since returning to his alma mater, Walker has been blown away by the reception and commitment he's already received from his new team.

"It continues to be a surreal experience. It just feels right, and it doesn't even have anything to do with the fact that I'm home. The buy-in they have given me and the relationship that I've been able to develop with them has been great," Walker said. "We have a great energy in the building; everyone is enjoying coming to football and this time of year there's just a certain number of things you have to do and hours you have to put in to make sure your team is ready for the challenges that lie ahead. But when we do roll call in the morning, nobody is running late, everybody is in the building and with teenagers that's not a common thing, so something is driving them here. Whether it's their relationships with their coaches or teammates or the energy in the building, it's just been awesome. It's been even better than I expected."

The Bearcats will have some experience returning on the defensive side of the ball and Walker has been pleased with the way those players have taken on a leadership role this offseason.

"I would consider our defensive line as the leaders of our program right now. We've got seniors all across there with a veteran junior group mixed in and in terms of what we want to be about on and off the field, that room is deep," Walker said. "So, I think that's kind of the leadership group on our team. We have a couple very experienced guys in the back end and some older guys back there that don't have as much experience but as a group I feel good about them in the back end. At linebacker we've got a good mix of youth and some older guys that haven't played linebacker so we're kind of a mixed bag there, but I like how that position is shaping up and who the people are."

On the offensive of the ball, the 'Cats will have several new faces in new roles this season but Walker is encouraged by the work he's seen them put in to prepare for week one.

"On the offensive side obviously we're trying to find who our quarterback is going to be heading into this season. It's a very fluid situation there and then we're going to be very young on the offensive line. We have one returning starter on the offensive line and another guy who has played some in a back up role so we're basically replacing an offensive line with a new starter at quarterback. That makes you a lose a little sleep at night," Walker joked.

"But I love the group. The offensive line has gelled tremendously under Coach (Jordan) Boatright, and he's brought a real group mentality there so we're very proud of where they are. Asher Drake is a guy who has made plays, and we've got some other guys that have been in the program for a while and



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The Cullman Bearcats will kick off the 2025 season against Bob Jones on Aug. 22.

Brooks Loftin coming back out so from a skill player standpoint, we like how those guys are coming together right now.

"When you've got a young quarterback, you've got to be able to run the ball and take some pressure off of him and I think we've got the pieces in the backfield and on the offensive line to be able to take shorten the game and take some pressure off the quarterback."

Walker and his staff have perennial postseason aspirations for the program but outside of the win column, they have goals for how they want the team to represent themselves and their school on the field.

"One thing we always talk about is being ready and resilient. We want guys to be prepared to face the storms of a game. I told the guys I've never been in a game as a coach or a player where there wasn't a storm of some kind whether it's a turnover or a momentum swing or whatever. So, we want to be resilient and play with relentless effort," Walker said.

"Cullman is a place where our community knows where we fall on the spectrum of our particular classification, but they have a strong identification with what they expect the product to look like. It's hardnosed, physical defense, an offense that matches that physicality, plays disciplined football and represents our community well and our high school well.

"We plan to meet all those expectations. As far as performance during the season, our long-term vision is always going to be to host playoff games at Cullman. Those are the things we talk about. We're very process oriented and I think the guys need goals like that to know we're seeking something."

2025 Cullman Football Schedule (6A, Region 7)

- Aug. 22 – Bob Jones
- Aug. 29 – at Mortimer Jordan
- Sept. 5 – at Athens*
- Sept. 12 – Jasper*
- Sept. 19 – Muscle Shoals*
- Sept. 26 – at Brewer
- Oct. 2 – at Hartselle*
- Oct. 10 – at Columbia*
- Oct. 17 – Decatur*
- Oct. 24 – at Buckhorn

*Region Game

PREP FOOTBALL

Fairview Aggies ready to 'go deeper' this fall

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Aggies have racked up a lot of wins in recent years and with football season right around the corner, they're preparing to hit the field and add to that win total in 2025. Fairview claimed the Region 7 championship last fall and with a lot of game experience returning at key positions, Head Coach George Redding is excited to see what his team can do in his 19th season at the helm.

"Right now, our roster sits at right around 50 and we do have 14 seniors coming back with 11 juniors. We'll have about eight starters back on both sides of the ball so I'm excited about this group and what they've been able to do this spring and summer," Redding said. "I also like where we're at with our mentality. We can see where we need to be, and we've still got a ways to get there but right here at this point I like where we're at and our mentality."

One of those returning starters, quarterback Kolt Redding, has taken on more of a leadership role this offseason and has been encouraged by the work he and his teammates have put in to prepare for kickoff.

"We've got quite a few guys coming back and feel really good about all those guys. As long as our offensive line is still holding up strong, we'll be good," Kolt said. "We're trying to help train the younger guys, so we have more depth behind all of us and we're trying to strive every day to get those guys ready for Friday nights."

One of the areas that the Aggies will be looking for some new faces to step up is on the line of scrimmage. Redding likes the group he has to work with up front and has been pleased with the way they have worked this offseason to prepare for their new roles.

"We like to play with six or seven linemen on offense. We lost some guys from last year and have three linemen to replace from last season, but we've got a good nucleus of guys coming back up front and we will have some new faces and we're excited about that. Just a couple years ago some of these guys were the new faces so we understand that it's part of the process and how they bring those young guys in and teach them to get them where they need to be is going to be very important for them. That'll be a great leadership opportunity for our older guys up front," Redding said. "We've got some new faces up front on the offensive and defensive lines and at a couple of the skill positions. We feel like a key for us each year is just trying to build that depth that we feel like is necessary in 5A. Our guys take pride in playing both sides of the ball but the more guys we can get ready to try and alleviate some of that, the better off we'll be. We're going to play against some teams that don't play as many guys both ways and if you're trying to make something happen in the playoffs, you're going to face that. So, these guys do a really job of working when they are out there on the field and coaching when they come off it. We just feel like with the experience that some of these guys have,



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The Fairview Aggies will kick off the 2025 season at Fultondale on Aug. 22.

they've got something to give. So that's part of our plan. At all times, every play, we've got guys that are coaching and hollering and correcting things from the sideline and we want that, we encourage that. We feel like you don't know it unless you can teach it and these guys have really done a great job of taking that idea and moving forward."

Fairview has advanced to the playoffs in six consecutive seasons, so postseason appearances have become a standard for the Aggies, but Redding says the theme for this year's team is 'going deeper'. Not just on the field, but in all aspects of their lives.

"Going deeper is kind of our motto for this year. It's easy to think that just ties into football and trying to go deeper in the playoffs and all that but we really think that's just going to be a byproduct. Our goal for these guys is to go a little bit deeper in who they are supposed to be and their purpose," Redding said. "Building relationships with these younger guys; we want to go a little deeper in that area. We want to go deeper in how we work and our work ethic football wise but the most important thing for us is just becoming a better person. Go a little bit deeper in our relationships and how we're serving others. If we can do those things we think everything else is going to take care of itself."

2025 Fairview Football Schedule (5A, Region 7)

- Aug. 22 – at Fultondale
- Aug. 29 – Springville
- Sept. 5 – at West Point*
- Sept. 12 – Ardmore*
- Sept. 19 – Lawrence County*
- Oct. 3 – Russellville*
- Oct. 10 – at Priceville*
- Oct. 17 – at Sardis
- Oct. 24 – at East Limestone*
- Oct. 31 – Good Hope

*Region Game



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Vinemont Town Council met Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025.

Vinemont Town Council approves lease agreement with Girl Scout Troop, transportation plan

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Tuesday, with all council members in attendance.

The meeting opened with quick action items, including approval of Resolution No. 2025-08-01, authorizing the mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Vinemont Girl Scout Troop 10288.

The two-year agreement provides the Girl Scout Troop the ability to utilize the Vinemont Scout House for meetings and other troop activities, as scheduled with the Town. The council also approved the annual transportation plan for 2025–2026.

The meeting concluded with updates on upcoming events:

• The next Senior Citizens' Day will be held at the Vinemont Community Center on Aug. 18, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

• There will be an upcoming special called meeting discussing the election canvassing results at the Vinemont Town Hall on Sept. 2, at noon

• A work session is scheduled for Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming budget

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 6.

Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.



FAITH

'The Lord has a plan for me that is better than mine': Addison's Emma Cleghorn discusses her faith

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EMMA CLEGHORN

Addison's Emma Cleghorn

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison High School's Emma Cleghorn is starting her senior year, and in this interview, she discusses her relationship with God, and how He has been a help to her since she was younger.

"God means everything to me. He sent His son to die for our sins when we didn't deserve it. He saved me when I thought I wasn't good enough or worthy enough, and He still called me His. He guides me through every trial. Without Him, I truly don't know where I would be," Cleghorn said. "When I was younger, I was very quiet. I lacked confidence and felt very low at times. When I found God, I chose to stick with Him through it all, and He chose not to leave me. He helped me find my strengths, talents, and gifts, and use it all for His glory. Through Him, I found more confidence, and I'm more comfortable around others. Even though life isn't perfect, I know who He is, so I don't have to be."

Emma leans on a Bible verse to help her out during tough times in her life, and she wants to play a part in helping everyone find God.

"My favorite verse is Philippians 4:13: 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'. Remembering this verse reminds me that even at my lowest, the Lord is always there to lift me up. Even when it seems impossible, He is always there to guide me," Cleghorn said. "It is important to me, because everyone deserves to know that they have a forgiving and patient Father that loves them more than anything. I want to help people know that they can spend eternity with Him in heaven."

Emma wants to be a Godly role model for kids and mentioned a couple of her own Godly role models.

"Everyone looks at what the other person or what the older person is doing, because I definitely did. Watching an older kid be kind to someone or help someone made me want to do the same, and it's like that for a lot of people. Being a disciple for Jesus is not only preaching or singing about Him but trying to be an example of Him," Cleghorn said. "My Godly role models are definitely my dad and Amy Gilliland. My dad is always there for people, even when they might not deserve it. He is always there to remind me that God has a plan for everything. Amy Gilliland has helped me with my walk with Jesus, and I'm forever grateful to have her in my life."

She took part in a very special mission in Tennessee that changed not only her life but so many others as well. She gave advice to those people that are either struggling or are new when it comes to having a relationship with God.

"Strength to Stand is my favorite mission. It has changed me in so many ways. It's a student conference in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, that brings youth groups from around the country to raise a generation to stand boldly for Jesus in the face of an ever-changing culture. They had amazing preachers that really inspired me, and it saved many kids," she said. "I would tell them that it won't always be easy. I've been following God since I was 13, and I still struggle, but that is why God is there: to always come to Him when you mess up over and over again. Jesus died a perfect man so that we might be forgiven, redeemed, and brought into a right relationship with God through His sacrifice."

God helped one of Emma's favorite teachers deal with a serious health issue and that helped Emma get even closer to God.

"One of my teachers was diagnosed with cancer and her trusting in God and always having a positive attitude through it all inspired me to always trust in Him. She is now cancer-free," she said. "Prayer and studying the Bible helps me get through a lot of hard days. I've learned that on bad days, God is good, and on good days, God is good. The Lord has a plan for me that is better than mine. I just have to have faith."



5th Annual John E. Hunt Memorial Golf Tournament set for Aug. 23

Staff Reports
Contributor



HUNT FAMILY FOUNDATION

Cross Creek Golf Course's Ches Harris (left) and Elizabeth Hunt (right).

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Hunt family is proud to announce the fifth Annual John E. Hunt Memorial Golf Tournament, set to take place on Saturday, Aug. 23 at Cross Creek Golf Course. Established in memory of longtime community leader and former City of Cullman Parks and Recreation Director John E. Hunt, the tournament celebrates his legacy of service, passion for public spaces, exceptional sports facilities and dedication to the people of Cullman.

John Hunt passed away in 2020, leaving behind a powerful legacy of civic leadership and public service—one that continues to live on through his family and the community he served. As Director of Cullman Parks and Recreation, John played a vital role in shaping the city's parks, facilities, and recreational programs to support a growing Cullman. His vision, along with the support of board members and community leaders, allowed for the development of accessible public spaces and facilities that have touched countless lives and helped build a stronger, more connected community.

Following his passing, the Hunt family established the annual golf tournament as a way to honor his memory and continue John's lifelong mission of supporting youth. Proceeds from the tournament help sponsor children's participation in recreational sports teams and camps, as well as provide scholarships for young adults pursuing higher education at Auburn University and Wallace State Community College.

"When we first started this tournament in 2020, our goal was to honor Dad's legacy by establishing a scholarship at Auburn University in his name and we were successful in the first year of the tournament, "said Lauren Hunt Peek, daughter.

"After establishing the scholarship at Auburn University, we were able to expand our focus to provide additional support for children and youth in our community, helping them participate in city and county sports programs through local parks and recreation," said, Ryan Hunt, son.

Now in its fifth year, the tournament has grown into a cherished community tradition, drawing friends, family members, and local business sponsors together in support of a meaningful cause. Proceeds from the event continue to fund scholarships, youth sports participation, faith based sports camps and other community-focused initiatives that reflect John's values and lifelong commitment to service.

The Hunt family invites golfers, sponsors, and community members to join in this special event—not just to enjoy a day on the course, but to celebrate a man who dedicated his life to making Cullman a better place for everyone.

For team registration, sponsorship opportunities, or more information, please contact: johnehuntfoundation@gmail.com

Through your support of the John E. Hunt Memorial Golf Tournament

• Desperation Church – Giving Hope Ministry
• FCA – Cullman Sports Camp
• City & County Youth Sports Leagues
• Auburn University
• Wallace State Community College

Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening looked toward future developments and improvements with both reports and resolutions.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Brad Smith announced that installation of a "baby box" anonymous drop-off point for babies at Cullman Fire Station No. 3 is underway, and that the Cullman Police Department has received new and upgraded non-lethal taser devices.

Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison announced that construction of the airport's new taxiway is about to begin, and will be followed by construction of a new apron (aircraft parking area) in the spring of 2026. The council approved a change order to the apron project that will add $2,000 to the cost due to construction delays, and also approved a resolution for reimbursement of the costs of construction of an educational building and maintenance hangar.

The council passed a resolution to accept a $500,000 grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for development of a playground at East Side "Lions Club" Park. Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will host a community forum on Monday, Aug. 18, at 6 p.m. at the OmniPlex to view proposed playground designs.

CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson told The Tribune that, with this grant, the agency will focus on developing the playground and sports equipment and courts at the site, but that a dog park and new sidewalks are also in the works.

The council voted to apply for a $500,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant to renovate the Cullman Community Theatre facility, a repurposed church building located behind city hall. According to Anderson, the facility will seat around 200 guests and will serve as a small venue for Cullman's community theater and community bands, as well as other entertainment, while events requiring more seating will continue to be held at Cullman High School or Wallace State Community College through agreements with those entities. A community forum about that project will take place Thursday, Aug. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at 303 Clark St. NE.

The council also passed a resolution to appoint election workers for the Municipal Election on Aug. 26, 2025.

Additionally, the council approved a request from QuikTrip, located at 1811 Fourth St. SW, for a beer and wine off-premises alcohol license.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

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2251 Decatur Ave., N.W.
734-2406

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LEGALS

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

2FMGK5D88KBA15199 2019 Ford Flex

3GNEC12ZX5G260026 2005 Chev Avalanche

If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SANDRA JOYCE SHULTS,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2025-292

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CAMILLE ANNE LOVE as Personal Representative of the Estate of SANDRA JOYCE SHULTS deceased, on the 12th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Camille Anne Love
Personal Representative

D. Lee Hodges, Esq.
Attorney for the Petitioner
2100 1st Avenue North, Suite 250
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
Colleen Ann Grund,) Case No. PC 2025-261
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to David L. Grund as Personal Representative of the Estate of Colleen Ann Grund, deceased, on the 12th day of August, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Personal Representative
David L. Grund

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
Please publish the above notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2025-020

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JEREMY LEWIS KLAR TO ADOPT E.C.L. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JOSE FRANCISCO LATORRE, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF E.C.L. BORN JULY 18, 2007

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt E.C.L. a minor child (born on July 18, 2007, to Kristin Marie Klar) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Jeremy Lewis Klar, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 12th DAY OF August, 2025.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 64
TO APPOINT ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2025 AND THE RUN-OFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 IF NECESSARY

WHEREAS, a municipal election has been called to be held on the 26th day of August, 2025; with a run-off election on September 23rd, 2025, if necessary; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-46-27 of the Code of 1975, as amended, provides that the municipal governing body shall, not be less than 15 days before the holding of any municipal election, appoint from the qualified electors of the respective voting districts officers to hold the election; and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Cullman, Alabama, that the election officers for said election shall be as follows:

DONALD E. GREEN SENIOR CENTER	BEAT 1 BOX 1
Linda Romine	Inspector
Rachel Monk	Chief Clerk
Judy Fitzgerald	Clerk
Patricia Marsh	Clerk
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Doug Whaley	Clerk
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Janis Edmondson	Chief Clerk
Susan Jones	Clerk
Ann Swayka	Clerk
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Teresa Hill	Clerk

CULLMAN CITY HALL	ABSENTEE BOX
Patricia Sapp	Inspector
Barry Slatton	Chief Clerk
Melanie Maddox	Clerk
Milton Wilder	Clerk

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should a vacancy occur at any polling place due to the inability to serve by any of the officials hereby appointed, that the responsibility to appoint a replacement for that official/s is hereby delegated to Wesley Moore.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 11th day of August, 2025. /s/Jenny Folsom, City Council President
ATTEST: /s/Wesley Moore, City Clerk APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 11th day of August , 2025. /s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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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
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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
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Myrex (from Front)

ful to Clint Hollingsworth and Cindy Myrex for running strong campaigns in this important race.

"Public service requires commitment and sacrifice, and both candidates demonstrated their dedication to the people of House District 12. We look forward to supporting our Republican nominee in the Special General Election this October and keeping this seat in GOP hands."

The seat has been empty since former Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope resigned in April.

Myrex will face Democrat Matthew Glover in the State House District 12 Special General Election on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025.

Dixie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Dixie, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week! She's a 4–5-year-old Border Collie mix whose zest for life is simply contagious. While her robust physique may be the first thing you notice, those extra pounds are steadily melting away, revealing a healthier, more active frame.

Even more striking than her physical transformation is her remarkable personality. Dixie's alert, optimistic demeanor radiates joy, and she cherishes every person she meets.

She's a true "lover of life," making friends everywhere she goes.

With her gentle spirit and people-focused nature, she has all the makings of a wonderful therapy or companion dog.

If you're looking for a furry friend who will greet each day with enthusiasm and every person with love, Dixie may just be the perfect match for you.

Already spayed, Dixie's adoption fee has been reduced to just $35, which includes 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 Dixie is no longer available when you arrive, don't worry — many of her friends are also waiting for their forever homes.

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

Eller (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope City Councilwoman Susan Eller this week officially announced her re-election bid.

Below is Eller's announcement.

Susan Eller, current member of the Good Hope City Council, Place #3, has officially announced her candidacy for re-election. With a heart for service and a deep love for her community, Eller is seeking another term to continue the progress she has helped lead in recent years.

"Serving the people of Good Hope has been an honor," Eller said. "This is a community I love deeply, and I'm proud of the growth we've seen and the momentum we've built. I'm running for re-election to continue giving back and working hard for the city that means so much to me."

During her time on the council, Eller has been a strong advocate for responsible growth and infrastructure improvements. She points to the increasing number of businesses choosing to call Good Hope home, as well as major infrastructure projects such as the expansion of the city's sewer system and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. Eller also emphasized her commitment to supporting local schools and ensuring students and educators have the resources they need to succeed.

"Strong schools are the heart of a strong community," she said. "I will continue working closely with school leaders to support their efforts and ensure our city remains a place where young people can learn, grow, and thrive."

A lifelong resident of Good Hope, Eller is deeply rooted in the community. She is married to Jim Eller, and together they have one daughter, Sarah. She is a proud graduate of Good Hope High School and attended Wallace State Community College.

Eller's campaign will focus on continued smart development, supporting local businesses, investing in infrastructure, and ensuring that education and community values remain at the forefront of city leadership.

The Good Hope Municipal Election will take place Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 12-13

James Clark Stacy, 62
Celebration of Life Service for James Clark Stacy, age 62 of Cullman, will be at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dr. Tim Lipsey officiating. Mr. Stacy passed away on Monday, Aug. 11, 2025 at his residence. He was born Monday, Dec. 31, 1962, to James Stacy and Nell Lovell. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Raymond Trenam, 75
James Raymond Trenam, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Aug. 2, 2025, at the age of 75. Mr. Trenam was born in California, to Laurence G. and Marguerite Keegan Trenam on April 21, 1950. Mr. Trenam was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. Jim served honorably in the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart recipient. His sacrifice and service to our country and its people will be remembered for generations to come. Mr. Trenam is preceded in death by his parents; a son; and brother, Larry Trenam. Jim's memory will be cherished by his beloved wife, Debbie Johnson Trenam; five children; one step-child; brother, Patrick Trenam; sister, Gayle Trenam; eleven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Mr. Trenam will be interred in the National Cemetery at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Trenam family.

Gwendolyn Gaylene Floyd, 88
Gwendolyn Gaylene Floyd, age 88, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. Gwendolyn was a devoted member of 7th Street Baptist Church Cullman, Alabama. She was a gifted schoolteacher at Arab City Schools, where she inspired and touched the lives of many students throughout her career. She will be remembered for her kindness, dedication, and love for her community and family. Gwendolyn is survived by her daughters Jennice Floyd (Jim Peterson) & Joan Floyd Phillips, her granddaughters Summer Phillips and Holly Blackwood and her great grandchildren Adelyn Garner & Landen O'Connor. Gwendolyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband Charles Kenneth Floyd; her son Charles Timothy Floyd; her parents William Fred & Tasker Tompkins Marsh; her brothers Lewis Floyd Sharp & Wallace Wade Marsh. Gwendolyn will be laid to rest in South Cemetery in Blountsville, Alabama. A Graveside memorial service will be announced at a later time. To leave condolences for the Floyd family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. In lieu of flowers the Floyd family request that donations be made to the Cullman County Humane Society.

Luanne Temples, 70
Luanne Temples, 70, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Aug. 5, 2025. Luanne was born in Texas and moved to Cullman from Mt. Pleasant, Texas where she had spent most of her life. Luanne owned/operated Shear Imagination Beauty Salon in Texas and then worked with Freedom Axle in Falkville, Alabama, and as a Caregiver in Cullman. Luanne was preceded in death by her parents John Pat Temples, Jr. and Shirley Temples of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, and brother, John Patrick Temples, III of Jackson, Mississippi. She is survived by her brother David Temples (Rebecca) of Valdosta, Georgia; Sister-in-law, Cynthia Wheeler Temples of Jackson, Mississippi; Nieces, Mary Baldwin Albritten (John) of Oxford, Mississippi and Claire Burkes (Andrew) of Jackson, Mississippi. Arrangements are under the direction of Moss Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Brindlee Mountain Animal Rescue, 25 County Road 1772, Joppa, AL 35087

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