COWLICKS AND PIGTAILS
EST. 2023
UPSCALE CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

COWLICKS AND PIGTAILS
UPSCALE CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT FALL SALE
WOMEN'S CLOTHING
1501 SPORTSMAN LAKE ROAD NW, CULLMAN
Cullman County Fairgrounds – Lions Club Building
FOR MORE INFO COWLICKSANDPIGTAILSLLC.COM

AUGUST 22–23
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Cullman Tribune

SERVING CULLMAN – IN THE HEART OF DIXIE – SINCE 1874

VOL. 152 • 50¢ PER COPY | SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 | USPS 139-700 • NO. 101



JOHNNY COOK
CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL PLACE 3 ✓
PD. POL. ADV. BY JOHNNY COOK, 1806 WAYNE AVE NW, CULLMAN, AL 35055

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

OBITUARIES
Billy Ray Shumaker, Shirley Jean Hale, Peggy Sue Holcombe Summerford
» PAGE 8

WEATHER
92 72
SOURCE: WEATHER.GOV
PATCHY FOG THEN SUNNY

Arrests and Incidents
» PAGE 2

Community Calendar
» PAGE 3

Games
» PAGE 7

– SPORTS –
Cullman Swim Team holds end of season banquet
» PAGE 4



DAVID MOSS JR.
CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL • PLACE 2
PD. POL. ADV. BY DAVID MOSS JR. 500 9TH ST. SE, CULLMAN, AL 35055

7 93888 98541 4

Gudger announces $347K in economic development funding for Jack's project in Fairview

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Senate President Pro Tem Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, this week announced the Town of Fairview is receiving $347,160 in economic development funding for a new Jack's restaurant project. The restaurant is expected to open in January 2026.

Gudger's office said the funding, which comes from a combination » PAGE 2



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The new Jack's restaurant in Fairview will be located along Alabama Highway 69 just past the red light.

KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE AGENCY
Your agents. Your neighbors. Your friends. For three generations.
80 YEARS
80 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1943-2023
Thank you, Cullman, for the best 80 years of our lives.

Cullman Oktoberfest takes over Toyota Field



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County residents filled the stadium seats at Toyota Field in Madison Thursday night, Aug. 14, 2025, to watch the Rocket City Trash Pandas game — and also bring a little Cullman Oktoberfest vibe.

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

MADISON, Ala. — Cullman County residents filled the stadium seats at Toyota Field in Madison Thursday night to watch the Rocket City Trash Pandas game — and also bring a little Cullman Oktoberfest vibe. Part of the Hometown Throwdown Series, the night was billed as the "Cullman Oktoberfest Takeover" and also saw money raised for Cullman nonprofit Curt's Closet.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson said it was the department's first time involved in a Trash Pandas game, and 1,000 adults received an Oktoberfest beer stein.

"We've always wanted to connect with a bigger audience outside Cullman and invite them to experience our amazing events, like Oktoberfest," Anderson said. "The Trash Pandas have been such a great partner for so many things we've done, it just felt natural to team up. It was the perfect chance to combine our love for sports, entertainment and cultural celebration in one high-energy night."

The event also served as the kickoff of this year's Cullman Oktoberfest promotions.

"This game night was our official kickoff for promoting Oktoberfest this year," Anderson said. "It was such a fun way to get it on people's radar early, and it builds a buzz so by the time the festival gets here, » PAGE 5



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

At the "Cullman Oktoberfest Takeover" on Aug. 14, 2025, 1,000 adults received Oktoberfest beer steins.

Operation Round Up Board awards $45K paper grant to benefit area schools



CULLMAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Left to right are Sherrill Williams (Operation Round Up Board), Oakleigh Calahan (Cullman Electric Cooperative), Jerry Hale (Office Equipment Company), Joel White (Office Equipment Company), Chellie Wall (Cullman Power Board), Sandra Tucker (Operation Round Up Board) and Elizabeth Shaddix (Cullman City Primary School Principal). » PAGE 4

'Dreaming out loud': CPRST holds Center of the Arts Community Theatre forum » PAGE 5

VOTE AUG. 26



BRAD SMITH
CULLMAN CITY COUNCIL PLACE 1
PD. POL. ADV. BY BRAD SMITH 1468 ORCHARD DR. NE CULLMAN, AL 35055

ALWAYS A WINNER WITH BILL'S DEALS!
GMC DEALER OF THE YEAR 7 TIMES IN A ROW!
Bill Smith
BUICK GMC
WE ARE PROFESSIONAL GRADE
ALABAMA'S LARGEST BUICK GMC DEALERSHIP
*Notates all rebates applied, must have 2005 or newer qualifying trade in. Prices are plus tax, title, & fee. Colors may vary.
2025 GMC Sierra 1500 Denali Ultimate
STK# 59277
• 6.2L EcoTec3 V8
• Full Grain Leather
• HD Surround Vision
• Remote Entry/Start
• MultiPro Tailgate
WAS $86,905
NOW $71,405*
$15,500 OFF
BILLSMITHBUICKGMC.COM • 1940 SECOND AVE NW • CULLMAN, AL 35055 • 256-734-4472

© 2025 THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 15, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 11

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Schwaiger Rd.
- burglary; Brooks Mini Storage
- theft of property; CR 38
- violation of protection order; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Edward St. NE
- harassment; CR 527
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1341
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 310

Aug. 12

- unlawful possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; Beech Ave. SE
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; resisting arrest; I65NB MM297
- harassing communications; CR 38
- harassment; CR 532
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM308

Aug. 13

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- possession of marijuana; Goodwin Rd.
- theft of property; CR 699
- harassing communications; 2nd Ave. NE
- receiving stolen properties; unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1718
- theft of property; Self Ave. NE

ARRESTS

Aug. 11-13

Baker, Kenneth B.; 48
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Barnett, Christopher A.; 43
- public intoxication

Barnett, Gretchen S.; 50
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Baxter, Adam K.; 38
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident

Blakeney, Jeffery M.; 36
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cofield, Jewel M.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Couch, Brandon S.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Enos, Courtney N.; 33
- PROBATION REVOKED – theft-miscellaneous (2 counts)

Fisher, Matthew; 52
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodwin, Joseph G.; 35
- FTA – burglary-residence-force
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Grubb, Christopher C.; 32
- PROBATION REVOKED – sex offense-failure to register as sex offender

Hasenbein, Jeannie L.; 28
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hill, Bradley A.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of a stolen vehicle

Johnson, Anna C.; 27
- exposure or lewd act in public
- attempting to elude a police officer
- resisting arrest

Litteral, Moriah N.; 39
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Mackusick, Richard B.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Maloney, Adrian R.; 33
- PROBATION VIOLATION – resisting arrest
- PROBATION VIOLATION – menacing – aggravated assault
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-harassment

Marsh, Dylan L.; 26
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500

Niblett, Jeffery D.; 40
- violation of an elder abuse protection order
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Niles, James D.; 36
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – obstructing police – obedience to police/firemen
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Parris, Kaitlyn D.; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Powell, Odis A.; 68
- DUI (alcohol)

Raney, Maggie K.; 29
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – a possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Reeder, Meagan A.; 30
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Terrell, Terry D.; 45
- GJ – failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement and/or comply with resid restrictions

Ward, Zachary A.; 34
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 9
- harassing communications; person

Aug. 13
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; McKoy Ave. NW
- theft of service; forgery-3rd degree; person
- theft of property-1st degree; person; jewelry
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '22 Toyota Camry; $2,000; Co. Rd. 222

ARRESTS

Aug. 13-14

Pierce, Tamra J.; 49
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance (3 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Castana, Daniel A.; 34
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Akins, Joshua E.; 31
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving on the wrong side of road
- FTA – driving while suspended

Giles, Gerald G.; 66
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Brasher, Ronald A.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Champion, Terry J.; 47
- theft of property-4th degree

Jones, Christopher B.; 29
- FTA – receiving stolen property
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – insurance violation

Parmer, Ashley N.; 31
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

NOW HIRING TIRE TECHS

SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY

COLLEGE TIRE

315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE

256-352-2221

VIRGIL B. FOWLER

Real Estate and Insurance

AGENCY

Quality Since 1935

734-3821

vbfowlerinsurance.com

Successors to

WILLIAM RICHARD & SON INSURANCE

" Established 1885 "

Virgil B. Fowler 1895-1978 - Virgil B. Fowler Jr. 1937-2019 - Dorothy S. Fowler - Jason S. Fowler

Funding (from Front)

of state, regional and local sources, will provide sewer infrastructure that is necessary for the restaurant to open, and other businesses and residences along the route will benefit as well.

"Securing this funding from so many sources is like a jigsaw puzzle — you have to figure out which piece fits where and put them all together," Gudger said.

"The new Jack's restaurant will provide the residents of Fairview with more dining options and convenience, jobs and opportunity will be created in the area, and local revenues will go up from the taxes it collects, so the community is a winner on multiple levels."

Gov. Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, known as ADECA, are contributing $144,500 in Appalachian Regional Council funding and a matching $144,500 in community development block grant dollars for a total of $289,000.

The balance is being provided by regional and local grants, according to Gudger.

"Sen. Gudger's support was instrumental in making this project a reality," Fairview Mayor Keith Henry said.

"He was there to help and guide us each time we ran into a stumbling block, and Sen. Gudger helped build the state and local team that brought this funding home to Fairview."

Gudger said groups that played major and important roles in the application process include the Town of Fairview, the Cullman County Commission, the Cullman County Industrial Development Authority, the Alabama Mountains, Rivers and Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council, the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments and the Cullman County school system.

Cullman Manor Apartments

Now Accepting Applications

WAITLIST OPEN

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY!

We're excited to announce that Cullman Manor has its waitlist open. Please come join us at Cullman Manor Apartments.

How to Apply

- Visit the management office during business hours
- Pick up a pre-application form
- Submit completed paperwork for consideration

Applicants will be placed on the waitlist in the order received and contacted as openings become available. Don't miss your chance to live in a welcoming, affordable housing community!

For more information, please contact:

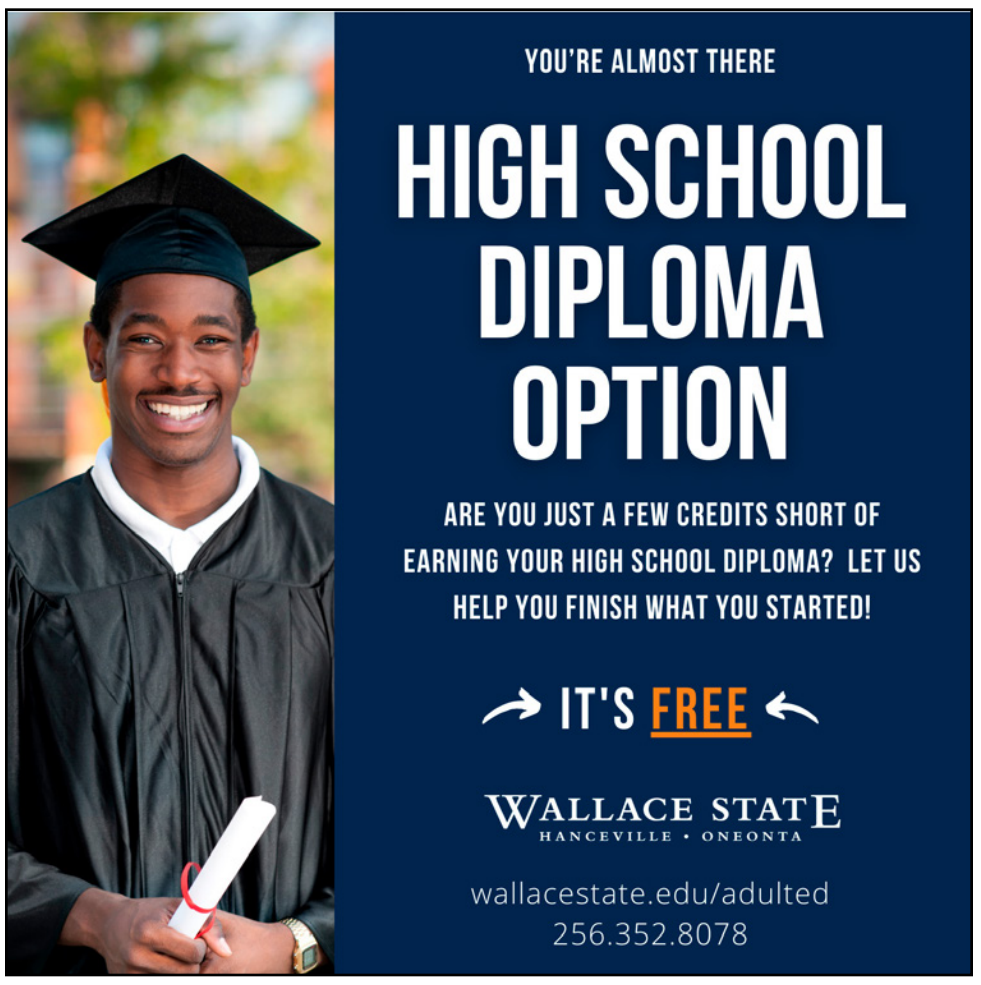
Cullman Manor Leasing Office | 256–739–4140

Mon. – Thurs. 9am–4pm









NOW HIRING CLASS A CDL DRIVERS

SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY AND BENEFITS

SFTWI

PLEASE APPLY AT COLLEGE TIRE

315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE

256-352-2221

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.Cullman-BosomBuddies.com. Benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Saturday, Aug. 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. 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.

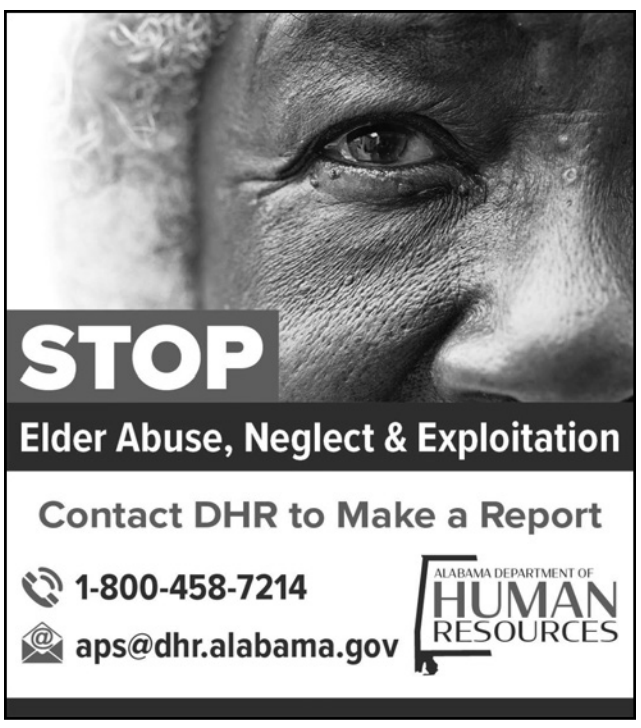
Fairview Class of 1965 Class Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Gold Ridge Community Center. For more info, contact Judy Robertson at 256-385-1755.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing – Living Faith Quartet
Sunday, Aug. 17, at 5 p.m. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1863 or 256-590-1501.

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



Borden Family Pharmacy
Established in 1999
Borden FAMILY PHARMACY
bordenfamilypharmacy.com
256-734-7535

The Cullman Tribune
Cullman County's Oldest Business, Serving the area since 1874 Publication
Number USPS-139-700
Telephone: 256-739-1351 Fax: 1-256-739-4422
HumbleRoots,LLC
Published daily Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 219 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 Entered as periodical material at the Cullman Post Office Periodical postage paid at Cullman, Alabama 35055

POSTMASTER: SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO:
The Cullman Tribune
219 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Email Address: office@cullmantribune.com

ANNUALLY BASED RATES

CULLMAN.....$125.00
OUTSIDE CULLMAN.....$250.00

Noah Galilee - Publisher
Dustin Isom - Associate Publisher
W.C. Mann - Reporter
Gauge Day - Reporter
Anabelle Howze - Reporter
Nick Griffin - Varsity Sports Editor
SammyConfer-Youth/JVSportsEditor
Bill Piper - Photojournalist
Rhonda Richie - Newsroom Manager
Janet Chandler - Marketing Specialist

michael richard
256·339·2711
• Organize / Declutter
• Interior & Exterior Consultation
• Garages, etc.
• House & Pet Sitting

WE NOW HAVE APPLES!
Steele Orchard
Mon–Fri 9–5 | Sat 9–4
1695 County Rd 1141
Cullman, AL 35057
256–734–5249

PREP FOOTBALL

Addison plays jamboree at Lynn

Todd Walker
Correspondent

LYNN, Ala. — Addison traveled to Lynn to take on the county rival Bears in a jamboree game Thursday night as they prepare to officially kick off the season next week. The Bulldogs returned home with a 28-14 loss but they still have time to patch some things up in practice before facing Winston County with hopes of breaking a 4-game losing streak to the Jackets.

Addison got the ball on its own 30 and Bulldog quarterback Elijah Roberts scampered for 22 yards on the first play but three plays later the Dawgs had to punt.

The Bears and Dawgs exchanged possessions before Lynn took over at its own 20-yard line and scored eight plays later when Chip Crowe found Coby Sherer for a 35-yard touchdown pass. It was Crowe's only pass of the night. Crowe ran in the two-point conversion and Lynn led 8-0 at the beginning of the second quarter.

Addison responded quickly on the next drive on the arm and legs of Roberts. Addison went 70 yards in four plays, with Roberts running it in from 52 yards out. Roberts ran in the two-point conversion, and the game was tied at 8 with 10:30 to go in the half.

Lynn came right back with a methodical drive of seventy yards on twelve plays using up almost eight minutes of the quarter to score the go-ahead touchdown. Bears running back Blake Boyd effectively ran the ball seven times on the drive. With the Bears facing a fourth and eight at the Bulldog 35-yard line, quarterback Bryce Baughn rolled to the right, avoided the rush by breaking a tackle for a sack and found Chip Crowe for the 35-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was no good and at the half, Lynn led Addison 14-8.

The Bears then took the second half kickoff and drove 70 yards on 11 plays for the Bears third touchdown of the night. Bear running backs Boyd, Crowe and Jon Jordan split 11 carries between them and Jordan cashed in from eight yards out for the touchdown to put the game away. Jordan also ran in the two-point conversion to give Lynn the 22-8 lead with just over five minutes to go in the third quarter.

Addison took over with 9.5 seconds to go in the third quarter and turned in their best drive of the night. The Dawgs went 70 yards in 10 plays. Roberts had two big completions on the drive, the first to Judah Wilkins for 14 yards and the second to Trennon Burns for 29 yards. Seth Hammack chipped in 14 yards on three carries and Roberts finished the drive off with a two-yard run to cut the Bear lead to 22-14 after the failed two-point play.

The Bulldog defense got a big three and out and gave the ball back to the Bulldog offense with 6:28 to go in the fourth quarter.

Addison took over at their own 28-yard line and after a first down, the Bears defense stood up and forced a turnover on downs, giving the Bears the ball at the Addison 32 with only 3:22 to go in the game.

It took Lynn only three plays to go 32 yards and score and a Boyd 11-yard touchdown run. The two-point was no good and the game had its final score at Lynn 28 - Addison 14.

Addison had some good things to build on, but they still have room to improve if they want to have the kind of season that the team and coaches are aiming for.

Unofficial stats

Addison had 23 rushing plays for 115 yards. Addison had 17 passing plays for 69 yards. Addison ran 40 total plays for 184 total yards. Lynn had 38 rushing plays for 184 yards. Lynn had 7 passing plays for 115 yards. Lynn had 45 total plays for 289 total yards.

Addison's Roberts went 5 completions in 17 attempts for 69 yards and an interception. Lynn's Baughn went 5 out of 6 for 80 yards and a touchdown. Crowe went 1 for 1 for 35 yards and a touchdown.

Addison's Roberts had 14 rushes for 94 yards and two touchdowns. Hammack had 4 rushes for 15 yards. Lynn had Boyd run 18 times for 71 yards and a touchdown. Crowe 6 runs for 39 yards. Jordan had 11 carries for 76 yards and a touchdown.

Addison's Wilkins had 3 catches for 28 yards. Burns had 1 catch for 29 yards. Hammack had 1 catch for 12 yards. Lynn had Crowe with 2 catches for 50 yards and a touchdown. Sherer had 1 catch for 35 yards and a touchdown. Boyd had 1 catch for 13 yards. Wyatt Miller had 1 catch for 14 yards.

On defense Addison was led by Zane Smith with 10 tackles. Hammack and Conner Lane with 5 tackles each. Joey Wilson had 4. Casen Hill, Michael Lee and Scout Flynn had 3 each. Roberts had 2 while Wilkins had a sack.

Lynn was led by Boyd and Crowe with 4 tackles each. Colton Heck, Tanner Torres, Wyatt Miller, Caden Key, Jordan and Baughn each with two tackles. Crowe and Jordan shared a sack while Torres got one on his own. Sherer had an interception.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Bulldogs played in a jamboree game at Lynn on Thursday night.

Cullman Swim Team holds end of season banquet

Sara Hughes
Cullman Swim Team

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Sunday, August 10th, the Cullman Swim Team held its end of the season banquet at the Traditions Bank Event Building with over 250 in attendance. At the banquet, each swimmer was recognized with a trophy for how many years they had swum. Senior swimmers Hilson Cole and Morgan Fuller were also recognized. State meet medals, century club trophies (100 points or greater for the season), high point awards, and record breaker plaques were also awarded.

Head Swim Coach
- Charis Peek

Assistant Swim Coaches
- Anna Hilb
- Troy Mann
- Anna Page

Junior Swim Coaches
- Madeline Dowdy
- Mika Lackey

Senior Swimmers
- Hilson Cole
- Morgan Fuller

2025 CST Record Breakers
- Jack Berryhill (6&U male)
- 25 back: 23.42 (June 3, 2025 @ Cullman vs. Jacksonville)
- 25 free (CWAC Pool Record): 19.80 (June 3, 2025 @ Cullman vs. Jacksonville)
- 25 back: (CWAC Pool Record): 23.42 (June 3, 2025 @ Cullman vs. Jacksonville)

9-10 year old - July 25-26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship
- 200 Mixed Free Relay: 2:03.07 (Lauren Hughes, Guy Caffey V, Paisley Caldwell, Abram Lackey)
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay: 2:17.17 (Clara Peek, Lauren Hughes, Abram Lackey, Guy Caffey V)

Abram Lackey (9-10 year old male)
- 50 back: 32.87 (July 26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 50 fly: 31.68 (July 26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 IM: 1:12.73 (July 25, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)

Lauren Hughes (9-10 year old female)
- 50 free: 28.51 (July 25, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 free: 1:04.98 (June 26, 2025 @ Cullman vs. Madison)
- 50 back: 33.09 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 50 breast: 34.79 (July 25, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 breast: 1:22.37 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 50 fly: 30.23 (July 26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 fly: 1:19.30 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 IM: 1:09.63 (July 25, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 200 IM: 2:43.98 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 50 breast (CWAC Pool Record): 35.58 (June 24, 2025 @ Cullman vs. Boaz)

11-12 year old - July 25-26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship
- 200 Mixed Free Relay: 1:59.80 (Faith Peek, Griffin Berryhill, Jaxon Curry, Georgia Dowdy)
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay: 2:08.46 (Griffin Berryhill, Catherine Hughes, Georgia Dowdy, Jaxon Curry)

Georgia Dowdy (11-12 year old female)
- 50 Back: 31.14 (July 26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 back: 1:08.20 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 fly: 1:08.70 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 200 IM: 2:31.00 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)

Edie Hudson (13-14 year old female)
- 50 breast: 31.92 (July 25, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 breast: 1:11.87 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)

15-18 year old - July 26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship
- 200 Mixed Medley Relay: 1:49.99 (Mika Lackey, Grayson Randall, Camp Smith, Madeline Dowdy)

Madeline Dowdy (15-18 year old female)
- 100 free: 55.62 (July 26, 2025 @ ARPA State Championship)
- 100 fly: 1:03.61 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)

Mika Lackey (15-18 year old female)
- 100 back: 1:03.60 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 breast: 1:12.32 (June 14, 2025 @ Madison Medal Meet)
- 100 IM: 1:03.29 (July 11, 2025 @ ARPA District II Championship)

CST Century Club Trophies
- Ezra Basch
- Everly Berryhill
- Griffin Berryhill
- Jack Berryhill
- Guy Caffey V
- Paisley Caldwell
- Karson Corliss
- CJ Curry
- Jaxon Curry
- Georgia Dowdy
- Madeline Dowdy
- Luke Forester
- Morgan Fuller
- Edie Hudson
- Catherine Hughes
- Elizabeth Hughes
- Lauren Hughes
- Abram Lackey
- Briar Lackey
- Emri Lackey
- Mika Lackey
- Amberly Pate
- Brooklyn Pate
- Clara Peek
- Faith Peek
- Grayson Randall
- Camp Smith
- Gunner Stracener
- Gemma Swidecki
- Reese Swidecki
- Ellie Grace Thigpen
- Hannah Thigpen
- Tate Tysinger
- Sofia Velez

High Point Winners
- Boy Runner-up: Abram Lackey
- Boy Winner: Griffin Berryhill
- Girl Runner-up: Georgia Dowdy
- Girl Winner: Lauren Hughes



SARA HUGHES/CST

The Cullman Swim Team held its end of season banquet at the Traditions Bank Event Building on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Grant (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Operation Round Up Board has awarded a $45,000 paper grant to benefit students and teachers at Cullman County Schools, Cullman City Schools, Sacred Heart, St. Paul's, St. Bernard, Cullman Christian, Meek and Addison. This annual funding ensures classrooms are stocked with essential paper supplies, helping educators and students start the school year equipped for success.

"Each year, the Operation Round Up Board allocates paper for every school based on student enrollment and available resources," said Board Chair Sandra Tucker.

"Schools need paper for assignments, worksheets and other instructional materials. We are proud to help meet these needs for local schools."

The paper grant helps reduce financial strain on schools while ensuring each one receives equitable support.

Distributions are tailored to student numbers, making sure resources are shared fairly among all participating institutions.

Since its start in 1993, Operation Round Up has invested more than $6.5 million into local schools, helping provide the tools and resources educators need to give students the best possible education.

Beyond the paper grant, the Operation Round Up Board meets five times during the school year to review and approve teacher-submitted grant requests.

These additional grants are awarded based on available funds and the potential to directly enhance student learning.

Operation Round Up is made possible through the generosity of Cullman Electric Cooperative members and Cullman Power Board customers, who voluntarily round up their monthly electric bills. Every cent collected is invested back into classrooms across Cullman and Winston counties.

To learn more about Operation Round Up or how to get involved, visit www.cullmanec.com/operation-round or www.cullmanpowerboard.com/customer-service/operation-round-up.

COLLECTORS & SHOOTERS CLUB
GUN SHOW
August 23–24
CULLMAN OMNIPLEX
1634 Field of Miracles Drive SW
Sat 9am–5pm
Sun 10am–4pm
Admission: $$$
Cash or Credit
250 TABLES
Children 12 and under FREE
(Must be accompanied by an Adult)
334-322-8818

Cullman City Schools: 'Strong start to 2025-2026 school year'

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The halls of Cullman City Schools are bustling once again as 3,200 students returned on Wednesday, Aug. 6, marking the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. With enthusiasm and high expectations, students were greeted with smiles and encouragement as they embarked on a new academic journey.

The system released the following report this week:

"Among this year's highlights, the district welcomes its largest grade levels with 266 students in 8th grade and 256 students in 10th grade, reflecting an average of 238 students per grade level across the district.

"The commitment to safety and growth is evident as construction progresses at Cullman Middle, Cullman High School, and West Elementary. This initiative is part of a comprehensive safety and growth campaign aimed at preparing for future expansions and ensuring our campuses remain safe, conducive learning environments for all.

"Over the summer, the Cullman City School Board, in partnership with the Cullman City Council, finalized an agreement to enhance school safety measures with dedicated School Resource Officers (SROs) now stationed at each campus.

"Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts, stating, "Our partnership with Mayor Jacobs and the City Council is pivotal. Together, we are committed to maintaining a secure environment that supports educational excellence."

"The new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) marks a proactive step towards ensuring student safety and well-being within Cullman City Schools, underscoring the community's dedication to fostering a secure educational environment. With increased SRO presence and enhanced safety protocols, Cullman City Schools sets a benchmark in school safety standards across the state.

"Reflecting on the achievements of the previous year, Superintendent Kallhoff highlighted notable accolades, including East Elementary's recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School and Cullman City Primary School's designation under the Attorney General Safe Schools Initiative. Additionally, the district achieved a remarkable 343 IEQ score in the COGNIA accreditation, surpassing the network average.

"Looking ahead, Cullman City Schools are poised for another successful year, building upon their recent accomplishments and commitment to excellence.

"For more information, please visit www.cullmancats.net."

Oktoberfest (from Front)

everyone's ready to celebrate. Just seeing our Cullman brand and Oktoberfest spirit in such a vibrant, high-profile setting was amazing. We got to meet so many new people, share what makes our events special and watch fans in Huntsville really embrace the energy and traditions we're so proud of back home."

Anderson said CPRST has a packed fall and winter ahead.

"Oktoberfest is right around the corner with authentic German music, food and traditions, and then we jump straight into the Cullman Christkindlmarkt — the largest in the South and one of the largest in the country," he said. "On top of that, we've got community band concerts, 'Fiddler on the Roof' performances by our community theater (this weekend and next) and lots of special holiday programming to keep people coming together all year long."

This year, Anderson said, Oktoberfest will feature the Hofbräu Biergarten and traditional German competitions, along with several exciting additions.

"Local breweries Ethos and Goat Island are partnering to sponsor our largest Biergarten to date, and German brewery Weihenstephan will sponsor a new Biergarten experience," he explained. "We are also introducing a 108-foot observation Ferris wheel and a rare double-decker carousel — a unique attraction in the United States. Combined with live music, distinctive vendors and family friendly activities, these additions ensure there is something for everyone while maintaining the authenticity of Cullman's German heritage."

Anderson said CPRST is grateful for the partnerships, sponsorships and community support that make it possible to bring the community together and create lasting memories, while also sharing Cullman's story well beyond our own backyard.

"Events like Cullman Oktoberfest and Christkindlmarkt remind us that culture and recreation have the power to unite people, celebrate our heritage and keep our community identity strong for generations to come," he said.

Cullman Oktoberfest is Oct.2-4. Get more info at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com. See more photos and videos from The Aug. 14 Trash Pandas game at www.facebook.com/cullmantribune, www.facebook.com/cullmanoktoberfest/reels and www.facebook.com/trashpandasbaseball.

Forum (from Front)

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) on Thursday night, hosted a community forum for the Center of the Arts Community Theatre. CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson said there was an incredible turnout for the event.

"This event brought together community band and choir members, theater groups, educators, entertainers and passionate supporters of the arts," Anderson said.

"The goal was to gather direct feedback that will help guide our design team and architects as we transform the historic church in downtown Cullman into a vibrant, multiuse performing arts center."

As The Tribune reported last summer, "In a significant move to enhance the cultural and performing arts landscape of Cullman, the Cullman City Council on Monday, July 22, 2024, approved the purchase of the historic First United Pentecostal Church building, located at the corner of Third Avenue Northeast and Clark Street Northeast, behind Cullman City Hall.

"The 6,000-square-foot building, with its beautiful A-frame 40-foot-tall sanctuary, will serve as the future home of the Community Theatre, as well as a venue for other civic and performing arts gatherings."

Anderson said that using an interactive, live-poll format Thursday evening, participants were able to vote, rank and share their ideas in real time on their phones.

"We asked questions about event priorities, seating styles, design features, accessibility and overall vision," he said.

"The responses gave us a clear picture of what our community values most — from flexible, open floor space to strong acoustics, accessible amenities and the ability to host everything from community theater to national touring acts."

The energy in the room was inspiring, he said. "People weren't just answering questions — they were dreaming out loud about what this space could mean for Cullman's future.

"This input will directly shape design decisions, ensuring that our Center for the Arts reflects both the needs and the creative spirit of our community."

As the design phase continues, CPRST will host additional forums to keep the community engaged and ensure the voices of the arts community are part of each step.

Future sessions will provide opportunities to review updated plans.

Stay up to date at www.facebook.com/cullman-parksrec.

EST. 1873
CULLMAN
ALABAMA
SHOP LOCAL



PRESIDENT - Jenny Folsom | PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE - Johnny Cook | MAYOR - Woody Jacobs | COUNCILMAN - Clint Hollingsworth | COUNCILMAN - David Moss | COUNCILMAN - Brad Smith

WELCOME KYLEIGH MERRING TO THE KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE FAMILY
KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE AGENCY



KYLEIGH MERRING
CALL HER FOR ALL OF YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS
256-734-4060
KYLEIGH IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN CULLMAN COUNTY

WENDY'S
WENDY'S HEALTH AND NUTRITION
The face and name you've grown to trust
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
LET WENDY'S 25 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE HELP YOU FIND THE RIGHT SUPPLEMENTS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY
Mon-Fri 9-5:30 | Sat 9-1 | Closed Sunday
1601 A 1st Ave SW Cullman | 256-739-2110

BRANCH BOOKS HARTSELLE
BRANCH BOOKS 2 CULLMAN
NEW AND USED BOOKS, DVDS, CDS, ETC.
BRANCH BOOKS 2 CULLMAN
256-754-5111
2308 PEAR DRIVE NW SUITE E
CULLMAN, AL
BRANCH BOOKS HARTSELLE
256-747-5331
701H NANCE FORD ROAD
HARTSELLE, AL
NOW WITH TWO LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

GOLDEN TOUCH LUXURY SHOWERS
THE ONYX COLLECTION
(256) 213-1852
MICHAEL@GOLDENTOUCHLUXURYSHOWERS.COM
Michael Golden
OWNER
216 2nd Ave SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

FEDERER FERTILIZER
GARDEN SEED
GRASS SEED
FERTILIZER
PINE STRAW
LAWN PRE-EMERGENT CHEMICALS
PEST CONTROL
WHEAT STRAW
INSECTICIDES
HERBICIDES
2471 COUNTY RD. 222 CULLMAN | 256-734-1226
OPEN MON-FRI 7:30- 5:00 SAT 7:30-12:00

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
EDWARD E. CHANDLER, JR.) CASE NO. PC 2025 - 259
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Sharron Chandler as Personal Representative of the Estate of Edward E. Chandler, Jr., deceased, on the 30th day July, 2025, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sharron Chandler
Personal Representative

Shay Persall

Attorney for Personal Representative

SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

Case# PC2025-240
PB MIN Book 235 Page:449
Recorded in Above Book and
07/30/2025 2:55PM
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
1 Page(s)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
MARY JO WALLER,) Case Number: PC2025- 240
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

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

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Jacky Waller
Personal Representative

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

TO PUBLISHER:

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

INVITATION TO BID

Project: Inspection, Cleaning & Rehabilitation of Ground Storage Clearwell Tanks
(herein referred to as the 'Project').

Owner: Utilities Board of the City of Cullman
1740 3rd Street SE (Physical Address)
Cullman, AL 35055
P. O. Box 278 (Mailing Address)
Cullman, AL 35056-0278

Engineer: St. John & Associates, Inc.
508 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Date: August 16, 23 & 30, 2025

Proposals for completion of the Project located in Cullman, Alabama will be received at the location of the bid opening until 2:00 pm local time on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Any proposals received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Cullman Water Treatment Plant Conference Room, 1740 3rd Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

The Project generally consists of inspection, cleaning, disinfection, exterior coatings removal, concrete crack and spall repairs and exterior recoating for three (3), 2 million-gallon prestressed concrete tanks. Proposals shall consider the Tentative Scope of Contractor Services in Section 01 10 00 – Summary. Alternative recommendations or proposed methods of rehabilitation shall be detailed in Proposals. The Owner requires the Project to be substantially complete in 210 calendar days from the date that the Contract Times commence to run as indicated on the Notice to Proceed.

A prebid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at the location of the bid opening. Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project.

In order to Bid on the Project, the Bidder shall possess a valid General Contractor's license for work in the State of Alabama. The Contractor's license number shall be clearly indicated on the outside of sealed proposal envelopes. Bidder and its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable licensing requirements of the Code of Alabama, federal and local Laws or Regulations.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, not to exceed $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) and evidence of insurance as prescribed in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are directed to the Instructions to Bidders – Document 00 21 15 and the other Bidding Documents.

Proposal Documents are available from the Engineer – St. John & Associates, Inc. Requests for documents or questions regarding the RFP may be submitted to David Haynes, P.E. by email – david@sjaonline.com. Funding assistance for the Project is from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program. Information on the applicable federal requirements is contained within the documents.

Bid shall be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

By: The Utilities Board of the City of Cullman
Dr. Wayne Fuller, Chairman

Legal Notice

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

First Published

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY
REGULATORY
COMMISSION

Alabama Power Company
Project No. 2165-118

NOTICE OF
APPLICATION TO
UPDATE SHORELINE
MANAGE- MENT PLAN
AC CEPTED FOR FILING,
SOLICITING COM-
MENTS, MOTIONS
TO INTERVENE,
AND PROTESTS
(August 5, 2025)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

a. Application Type: Shoreline Management Plan Update

b. Project No: 2165-118

c. Date Filed: December 20, 2024

d. Applicant: Alabama Power Company

e. Name of Project: Warrior River Hydroelectric Project

f. Location: The project is located on the Black Warrior River in Cull- man, Walker, Winston, and Tuscaloosa coun- ties, Alabama.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r

h. Applicant Contact: David Anderson, 205-257-1398, dkanders@southernco.com

i. FERC Contact: Shana High, 202-502-8674 or shana.high@ferc.gov

j. Cooperating agencies: With this notice, the Commission is inviting federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues affected by the proposal, that wish to cooperate in the preparation of any environmental doc- ument, if applicable, to follow the instructions for filing such requests de- scribed in item k below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of any environmental document cannot also intervene. See 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).

k. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: **September 5, 2025, 5:00pm Eastern Time.**

The Commission strongly encourages elec- tronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at http:// www.ferc.gov/docs-fil- ing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without pri- or registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/ docs-filing/ecomment. asp. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FER- COnlineSupport@ferc. gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electron- ic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submis- sions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Deb- bie-Anne A. Reese, Sec- retary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Ener- gy Regulatory Commis- sion, 12225 Wilkins Ave- nue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should in- clude the docket number P-2165-118. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Proce- dure require all interve- nors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that doc- ument on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Fur- ther, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission re- lating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a par- ticular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

l. Description of Request: As a result of a required six-year review process, Alabama Power Company filed a shoreline management plan update. The update was devel- oped in consultation with stakeholders and contains updated shore- line classification maps, as well as a request to expand the residential permitting process to in- clude campgrounds.

m. Locations of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket num- ber field to access the document. You may also register online at http:// www.ferc.gov/docs-fil- ing/esubscription.asp to be notified via email of new filings and issuanc- es related to this or oth- er pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866- 208-3676 or e-mail FER- COnlineSupport@ferc. gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

n. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

o. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appro- priate action to take, the Commission will consid- er all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accor- dance with the Com- mission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any com- ments, protests, or mo- tions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

p. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be ac- companied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Com- mission in this proceed- ing, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

q. The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including land- owners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly avail- able information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, com- ments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
MICHAEL ALLEN HOWARD,) CASE NO.: PC-2021-361
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION TO REMOVE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TO: HUNTER HOWARD and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Motion to Remove Personal Representative* has been filed by Tammy Young, Petitioner, through Attorney, Steven C. Smith. A hearing on said *Motion to Remove Personal Representative* been **re-set for the 7th day of October, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 6th day of August, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. JU-2023-496.02

IN THE MATTER OF AN ADOPTION PETITION OF: JULIE and SETH HEATHERLY for the adoption of B.K.W. date of birth: 10/24/2022

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE TO: Raven West and unknown father of B.K.W. date of birth 10/24/2022

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by Julie and Seth Heatherly. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response by the 11 day of September, 2025, with counsel for said Petitioners whose name and address are as shown and the Clerk of the Juvenile Court for Cullman County.

Melvin Hasting, Attorney for Petitioner
407 2nd Ave S.W.
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0517
256-736-2230

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal this ____ Day of ____ 20__
Clerk of Circuit Court

FILED IN OFFICE
AUG 06 2025
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

Case# PC2025-176
PB WIL Book:132 Page:128
Recorded in Above Book and Page
08/07/2025 4:27PM
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
1 Page(s)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: PC2025-176

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MILDRED G. FRANK, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Alan Wood, Executor on the 7th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jeffrey McLaughlin, Attorney for
Executor, Alan Wood
McLaughlin & Edmondson, LLC
321 Blount Avenue
Guntersville, Alabama 35976

****

TO: Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

8/7/2025 8:49 AM
25-CV-2025-900054.00
CIRCUIT COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
LISA MCSWAIN, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA,)
P[illegible]aintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2025-900054.00
MOORE II WOODROW F,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the whereabouts and locations of Defendant: Woodrow F Moore II and any unknown heirs along with the following described real property;

A plot of land described a s Being LOT
23 & 44 of Smith Lakes-Catalina Cove

recorded in the Office of the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama, are unknown to the Plaintiff and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill to Quiet Title seeking the entire and undivided fee simple interest in and to the subject lands with no restrictions thereon,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Defendants answer the Complaint by the Plaintiff by the 4th day of October, 2025 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that th_is ORDER and NOTICE be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County.

DONE this 7th day of August, 2025.

1st **EMILY N JOHNSTON**
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Probate
County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
HELEN HERRON, * CASE NO. PC2015-326
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION FOR HEARING AND MOTION FOR STATUS HEARING

TO: MICHAEL HERRON, MARK HERRON AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS

Motion for Hearing received the 15th day of April, 2025, made Court record the 16th day of April, 2025, filed by Heath Meherg, Attorney for Petitioner Marie Herron, Special Administrator Ad Colligendum.

Motion for Status Hearing received and made Court record the 28th day of April, 2025, by Attorney Heath Meherg.

A Status Hearing has been scheduled for the **18th day of September, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.,** Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 7th day of August, 2025.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Heath E. Meherg
Attorney for the Petitioner
409 First Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Things don't always go as planned

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Jean and I are frequent visitors at antiques shops and malls. We often find treasures there that end up either in our house or in my own antiques booth. I love to find items I can rebuild, refinish or repurpose and then pass them on to someone else.

Recently, we discovered an antiques mall up in Centre, Alabama, that has a vendor who sells wood. I'm going to go ahead and raise my hand and confess that I am addicted to wood. Maybe it is because my mother's maiden name was Wood, but I get as excited about a beautiful piece of wood as Jean does about a beautiful dish or two (dozen).

When I find good hardwoods, like oak, walnut or hickory, they are usually quite expensive; however, this vendor up in Centre had some at really reasonable prices. The only problem that day was that we were in our little Ford Escape and the pieces he had were too long to fit in it.

So, we headed on back home without any of his wood. We also headed on back home without Jean's purse. We called the restaurant where we had eaten and sure enough, they had it there...no, not the wood, but Jean's purse. That gave us a good excuse to drive back up there in a few days.

I considered pulling my trailer up there to haul back a few pieces of wood, but instead I just threw my little battery-powered saw in the Escape.

I planned to cut the boards short enough to haul, but still long enough to make some beautiful guitar necks or glue up for some gorgeous tabletops.

My little saw said, "Not me! I'm not cutting through 2-inch thick dried oak." One of the workers there loaned me an electric skil saw, but about halfway through the board, it developed a smoking problem. No, not tobacco, but oak. I had already paid for the wood, and now owed for a burned-up saw, too. He was gracious about the saw and even tagged my wood so I could come back and get it later.

I knew I would be back that way soon, because my high school class was planning a reunion in Fort Payne in a couple of weeks. I could take my trailer and go through Centre and pick up my wood, without even making an extra trip.

I hooked up my trailer the evening before, so I would be ready to roll early the next day. During the night, something else rolled in and it was pouring down rain the next morning.

My trailer is not enclosed, and wood tends to bow when it gets wet. I didn't have any plans for building a table with bowed legs! Not to be outdone, I decided to take a tarp and strap it over the wood and pray for a rainbow.

The prayer worked! We stopped for breakfast about an hour up the road. While I hummed, "Who'll stop the rain," and sopped some gravy with a biscuit, God answered that question and my prayer, so my wood wouldn't be sopping water and warping! I never saw the rainbow, but we never saw any more rain that day either.

I did see my classmates, but at first, I thought I had gone to the wrong room. Everyone in there was old, but then I realized I'm old, too!

Sometimes things don't always go as planned, but often times they work out just fine anyway. Thank God for class reunions, located purses, trailers and tarps, windshield wipers when we need them and dry straight wood when we don't!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Aug. 16, 1945

From the files of Aug. 16, 1945

Valley Springs News
Home from Germany for a 30 day furlough is Sgt. Bill H. Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Teague and better known as Bill. He served as Sgt. in the 1st Army, 83rd Division and is a holder of the Combat Infantryman's badge. He is visiting his parents at this time. Lt. Kilburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stevens are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas, Route 1, Cullman.

Sgt. Tommy Lynn and Pfc. Steve Lynn are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Stevens of Heflin spent a few days here last week with Mrs. Tom Duke of Birmingham spent a few days here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Duke, and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mrs. Jack Thomas of Arab have been ill this week, but are reported much better.

New Hope No. 2 News
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vogel were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Rimes. Mr. and Mrs. Sid Burgess were the Sunday dinner guests of R. Hayes, on a fishing trip. We had a large crowd of guests here Thursday afternoon.

H. Wyatt spent Sunday afternoon with H. Sizemore. H. Sizemore is ill.

Mrs. Bud Stoker and Mrs. Ed Stoker were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Neely. Mr. Stoker is spending a furlough at home.

The weekend Mr. Floyd Neely were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas and family. Mrs. Thomas is ill.

Bolte News
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Duke and family attended a singing and picnic and Mrs. Floyd Duke, Jr. and family spent the weekend in Hanceville.

Lemuel Fardis of Falkville visited R. N. Bolte Sunday.

Pfc. Leslie Nail is home from Keesler Field, Miss., visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Fardis. Mrs. Earl Kelley, and daughter, Willene, visited last weekend with relatives. Willene spent Sunday afternoon with Charles D. Haynes and James Byars attended the services at the Church of Christ at Hanceville last week. Henry Bolte spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. W. T. Byars.

Eidson Chapel News
Leman Thomas and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas visited here Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ella Thomas was very ill but is improving.

Rev. K. H. Whaley will begin a revival here next Sunday. Rev. Wheeler Hamilton is painting his house.

William Bright is building a new barn.

C. W. Thomas has the foundation laid for a new home.

H. A. Bryant built a new porch for his house in Morgan Co.

Mrs. Ida Overton of the Morgan Co. spent last week visiting Mrs. Kevin Lackey, who has been over two years visiting his mother, Mrs. Effie Lackey and father.

Pentecost News
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Parker are the proud parents of a fine baby whom they have named Rebecca Ann.

Miss Angeline Smith and Waydene Kelley visited Wynell Mullins last week. Mrs. Stella Kelley and son, Troy Gay are visiting friends here.

A tall, dark-eyed girl is home from the States and expected home soon.

Bethany News
Hazel McSwain of Cullman spent last week with Doris Goodwin.

Margaret Clay spent Thursday night with Dynell Pittman of Crane Hill.

Hubert Bates of Cullman spent the week end with Chalmers Harbison.

Mr. and Mrs. Limas Heatherly spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kilgo at Brushy Pond.

The Smith Reunion was held at Army Smith's home Sunday.



POET'S CORNER

Solitude | By: Randy C. Hale

It is the old man who throws up
his hand to wave, who is ok with
you going on your way.

Cicadas on a summer night; the
bullfrogs croaking, the moon rising.

Raccoons and opossums
scavenging in the dark, the
barred owl's inquisitive call.

An empty mailbox, the silent
phone. The looking at paintings,
photographs, listening to songs.

A cool breeze, a cold drink,
some crackers, and cheese.

Being good with just the
memories, and forgiving.

No attention to the fight;
closed eyelids to the light.
The blanket pulled around you,
the silence, and the warmth.

It is the acceptance of the way
things are and being alone. It is
waiting on nothing and the
postponement of it all.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

AUG. 16

M A S S X O F T E N D S Y D N R X
A O B E L F G R F A M A W A Y O R
R E S P O N S I B I L I T Y F B A
C U T T S B G P A L M S R E V Y Y
H A B G T W I C E N S C U H L G Z
B U G N R E V O L T T B S N N L S
N I C E A A E G C H R I O I W T T
E M O T I O N A L E N U O O S A A
F P A W G I M K P U P T L E T N L
I O O S H B H O P P E D V E R B L
T R U T T E R J I V A R U J R I O
C T O E E P R Z E P A N I C I T S
D Q O W N T R T H H O P S Z K T S
I S S U E E A H N O X I W S O E U
R A M O D L R R O A M L T E C N R
T I P L R S M O L D S E X I S T E
C L O A K E O W L S S S S V E D O

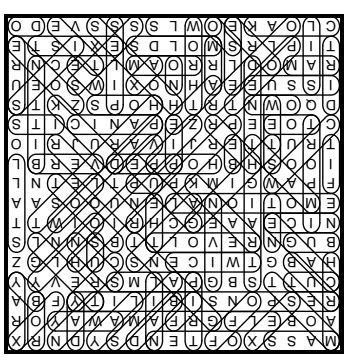
Acts
Aims
Arm
Ate
Away
Ax
Bad
Be
Bitten
Boot
Bug
By
Cage
Cloak
Crow
Cry
Cut
Day
Dirt
Do
Duck
Elf
Else
Exist
Fit
Fox
Giant
Given
Glue
Harvest
Her
Homes
Hopped
Hops
Ices
If
Import
Issue
Its
Lay
Low
March
Mass
Mast
Molds
Most
Nail
Net
Nice
No
Off
Often
Older
Only
Ore
Owls
Own
Pad
Palms
Panic
Pie
Piles
Poet
Proper
Punish
Ram
Rank
Revolt
Roam
Rob
Rub
Ruler
Sail
Sets
So
Stall
Stew
Sun
Sure
Tan
Tell
The
Thing
Throw
Tie
Toe
Trip
Twice
Up
Us
Verb
Vetoing
We
X-ray
Zip
Zone

CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

AUG. 16

							9	3
		5						
		8	5				2	6
7	5		3	1				
					7		4	
			2					
4						3		
	1		9					
	7		6	5	8			2

ANSWERS:



9	7	3	6	5	8	4	1	2
5	1	2	9	4	3	6	8	7
4	8	6	7	2	1	3	5	9
8	6	4	2	9	5	7	3	1
2	3	1	8	6	7	9	4	5
7	5	9	3	1	4	2	6	8
3	4	8	5	7	9	1	2	6
6	9	5	1	3	2	8	7	4
1	2	7	4	8	6	5	9	3





THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!

LEGALS

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Anthony Ray Harper on the 31st day of July, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Anthony Ray Harper
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SYLVIA MARIE RAMEY JONES,
Deceased.
Case Number: PC2025-275

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

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

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Robert Kyle Ramey
Personal Representative

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

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



Obituary Announcements: Aug. 14-15

Billy Ray Shumaker, 82
Billy (Bill) Ray Shumaker, 82 of Cullman, a devoted husband and loving father, passed away peacefully Aug. 12, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. He was a resident of Cullman and a member of First Baptist Church. He dedicated his professional life to the plumbing industry where his hard work, integrity and knowledge earned him the respect of colleagues and customers alike. Above all, he cherished his family. He is survived by his wife Sheila Shumaker, his three sons, Chris Shumaker (Shanna), Wesley Shumaker, Chase Shumaker (Heather), grandchildren, McKenzie Shumaker, Davis Shumaker, Hattie Shumaker, Virginia Shumaker, Barrett Shumaker, and Nori Shumaker.

Shirley Jean Hale, 87
Shirley Jean Hale, 87, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Aug. 13, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was born in Cullman on July 7, 1938, to the late James Matthew Burgess and Ezma Black Burgess. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Faye Marlin and Nell Robinson; and her son, David Hale. She is survived by her devoted husband of 45 years, Warren Hale; children, James Kugler (Sherri), John Kugler (Hope), Angela Miller (Jimmy Jones), and Greg Hale; grandchildren, Kristy Patterson (Brent), Karla Campbell (Jordan), Josh Kugler, Nathan Hale (Alicia) Kerri Hardin (Eric), Natasha Miller Thomas (Colt), and Wesley Miller; and 17 great-grandchildren, each of whom she cherished deeply. A 1956 graduate of West Point High School, Shirley went on to attend Cullman College and St. Bernard College, earning her teaching degree in 1974. She retired from the Cullman County School System after 25 years of dedicated service, shaping countless young lives. In her later years, Shirley and Warren built and opened Cullman Campground, which became not just a business, but a home for them and many others. There, she shared her love for people and animals every day. Above all, Shirley will be remembered as a loving and committed wife, mother, grandmother, and the best "Granny" anyone could have. A funeral service will be held at East Side Baptist Church on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025, at 1 p.m., with visitation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. East Side Baptist Church is located at 1111 Third St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. A burial service will follow at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Keith Gorman, Brady Patterson, Jordan Campbell, Nathan Hale, Colt Thomas, Josh Kugler. If you prefer, the family suggests in lieu of flowers make contributions to the Gideons for Bibles.

Peggy Sue Holcombe Summerford, 87
Peggy Sue Holcombe Summerford, of Arab, Alabama, entered into the presence of our Lord on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 14, 2025, at the age of 87. Ms. Summerford was born in Cullman County, Alabama, to William Columbus and Susie Mae Gilley Holcombe on April 26, 1938. A faithful child of God, Peggy worked alongside her late husband, Paul, as a devoted pastor's wife. She remained a member of Hillsborough United Methodist Church where she and Mr. Summerford last served. Peggy was a selfless person who had little time for her own hobbies and interest as she was too busy sacrificing of herself for the needs of others. She was a generous and strong lady who only learned later in life that she had artistic talents, which led her to cross-stitch and paint beautiful works of art. And when she had a free minute, Peggy also enjoyed fishing. As Peggy's life here on earth has ended, she can rest assured her love for her family has been felt. As an adoring and devoted mother to three children, and Grandmaw Peggy to six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Peggy's life will certainly be treasured by her loved ones for generations to come. As quoted by her children, "Her children rise up and call her blessed." Proverbs 31:28 Peggy is preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Reverand Arthur Paul Summerford; and nine siblings. Those left to cherish the memory of Peggy includes her children, Stephanie Nelson (Tim), James Timothy Copeland (Melanie), Jeffery Paul Summerford (Jaime); grandchildren, Jason Cravens (Jacyln), Jeremy Cravens (Stephanie), Jennifer Cravens, Rebecca Laney (Aaron), Jaxen Summerford, Jenna Summerford; great-grandchildren, Benjamin Laney, Norah Laney, Charlotte Laney; sisters, Ann Hart (Doug), Joanie Holcombe; and a host of nieces and nephews, as well as many extended family members. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation, in the chapel of Holly Pond Funeral Home, on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 17, 2025, from 1 p.m. until funeral services begin at 2 p.m. Don McPherson will officiate the service. Burial will follow in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery where Peggy will be laid to rest alongside her husband. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Summerford family.

Moss Service Funeral Home
1901 Second Avenue Northwest
734-1821 Service You Can Count On

Cullman Marble & Granite Co.
"Memorials of Quality Since 1910" 734-2353

Free Obituary Listings

HAVE YOUR FUNERAL HOME CONTACT US

Email: office@cullmantribune.com

Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.