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County receives $711K grant for improvements to Stony Lonesome

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission was awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant for more than $700,000 for improvements to Stony Lonesome OHV Park. The grant was announced by Gov. Kay Ivey's office on Thursday, Aug. 28. According to the media release, the funds will be used for improvements including new cabins, safety equipment and storage facilities. » PAGE 2



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Stony Lonesome OHV Park is located at 10075 Alabama Highway 69 in Bremen.

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'He saved our son's life'

Off-duty Cullman firefighter saves local child



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Cullman Fire Chief Darren Peeples on Friday, Aug. 29, presented a plaque to firefighter Matt Laminack at the Cullman City Council meeting. Pictured left to right are Peeples, Matt Laminack, Tonia Laminack, Parker Dellinger, Matt Dellinger and Jamie Dellinger.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — An off-duty local firefighter was in the right place at the right time on Aug. 16, and he saved the life of a Cullman child who had an accident involving a Polaris Ranger utility task vehicle (UTV).

Veteran and 20-plus-year EMS and fire service responder Matthew Laminack happened upon the UTV accident, and his presence was the difference in life or death for 13-year-old Parker Dellinger.

"I've got 20-plus years in the fire service and EMS and have worked with multiple fire departments and EMS services," Laminack said. "I was also in the military for eight years as a DOD (Department of Defense) firefighter — but nothing prepares you to pull up on an incident like that. But if and when you do, just revert to what you've been told, studied for and trained on. In the fire service we have time to process a call due to response times to the scene. Also you have your crew members to help in any situation. This was a little different."

Laminack said it was the day after his 50th birthday, and his daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter were all at the house as they prepped to drive to his parents' home.

"We were all going down to my parents', which is a half a mile past Dr. Matt's (Dellinger's) house," Laminack said. "I did not know at the time we were going from my parents to a local business where 100 people were there waiting for me for a surprise birthday party."

He said his daughter and crew left a few minutes before he and his wife did.

"My wife and I left in the same route of travel and while passing Matt Dellinger's house, I noticed his Polaris Ranger had flipped at the corner of Fromhold Road and Lincoln Avenue," Laminack said. "As we passed, I looked over and noticed a body that was crushed under » PAGE 8

Labor Day closings/ delays



UNSPLASH

City of Cullman offices will be closed on Monday, Sept.1, 2025, in observance of Labor Day. There will be NO CHANGE to residential and commercial sanitation schedules. Cullman County offices and the Cullman County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, for Labor Day. Sanitation routes will run on a one-day delay.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 29

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 29, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 25

- harassing communications; CR 754
- domestic violence; CR 1756
- theft of property; CR 1564
- theft of property; CR 542
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- assault; Good School Rd.
- resisting arrest; CR 438

Aug. 26

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 771
- harassing communications; US. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; CR 1242
- harassment; CR 2030

Aug. 27

- violation of protection order; CR 8
- violation of protection order; CR 109

ARRESTS

Aug. 25 – Aug. 27

Bailey, Joseph A.; 46
- resisting arrest
- public intoxication

Banks, Timothy R.; 45
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Barbee, Joshua B.; 34
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Barnes, Dustin M.; 47
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Brooks, Benjamin B.; 45
- GJ – sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old

Buckmaster, Robbie R.; 45
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)

Cole, Brett A.; 56
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of child pornography

Corbin, Annie E.; 20
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Denney, Jefferey A.; 37
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle

Graham, Asia R.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – drug trafficking
- PROBATION VIOLATION – promote prison contraband

Hasan, Saimon; 27
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Hill, Bradley A.; 45
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Hollis, Patricia L.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Kunze, Cody W.; 32
- counterfeiting
- forged instrument

Preston, Patricia A.; 49
- GJ – burglary-non-residence-force

Salazar, Michael T.; 20
- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – resident license – freshwater fishing

Sasser, Joseph E.; 53
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Speegle, Savannah B.; 29
- assault-harassment

Tolbert, Alison M.; 27
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Yeager, Christopher E.; 54
- theft-aircraft/boats farm equipment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 27
- theft of property-4th degree; person; cash; Hwy. 157
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; City of Cullman; damaged dumpster; $1,000; 2nd Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person

Aug. 28
- harassing communications; person
- harassment; person; Gold Mark Ct. SW

ARRESTS

Aug. 27 – Aug. 28

Wilbanks, Jeremy D.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- obstructing governmental operations

Williams, Jr., Theodore V.; 37
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Bolds, Jonathan; 39
- public intoxication

Tolbert, Alison M.; 27
- GJ – homicide by vehicle
- GJ – improper lane usage
- GJ – driving while suspended
- GJ – no child restraint
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation

Gamble, William A.; 44
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Finney, Calvin L.; 48
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reproted.

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

Grant (from Front)

"The Recreational Trails Program grant will help the Cullman County Commission purchase eight prefabricated cabins, a small rescue vehicle and a drone to aid in rescues.

"The County will also construct a storage facility for all-terrain vehicles and campers and another storage facility for park equipment," said the release. "The total amount of the grant is $711,539, and Cullman County will contribute a local match of $177,539."

"Stony Lonesome was the first park of its kind in the state and continues to be a popular destination for off-road enthusiasts from all over," Ivey said.

"These additions will no doubt increase its popularity while enhancing visitor safety and convenience. I am pleased to support these upgrades."

Stony Lonesome OHV Park is more than 1,456 acres and has trails for ATVs, rock crawlers, dirt bikes, mountain bikes, equestrians and hikers. It opened in 2009 with the help of a Recreational Trails Program grant. The County received another grant in 2021 to purchase the trail construction and maintenance equipment that will be housed in one of the new storage buildings. A second storage facility will allow visitors to keep their vehicles onsite. Revenue from cabin and storage facility rentals will be used for park upkeep and trail development.

The Recreational Trails Program is funded through the Federal Highway Administration and is administered in the state by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

"These park improvements will provide visitors with a richer experience and almost certainly boost tourism to Cullman County," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA joins Gov. Kay Ivey in support of this effort to enhance outdoor recreation options."

Ivey's office said the governor notified Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons that the grant had been approved.

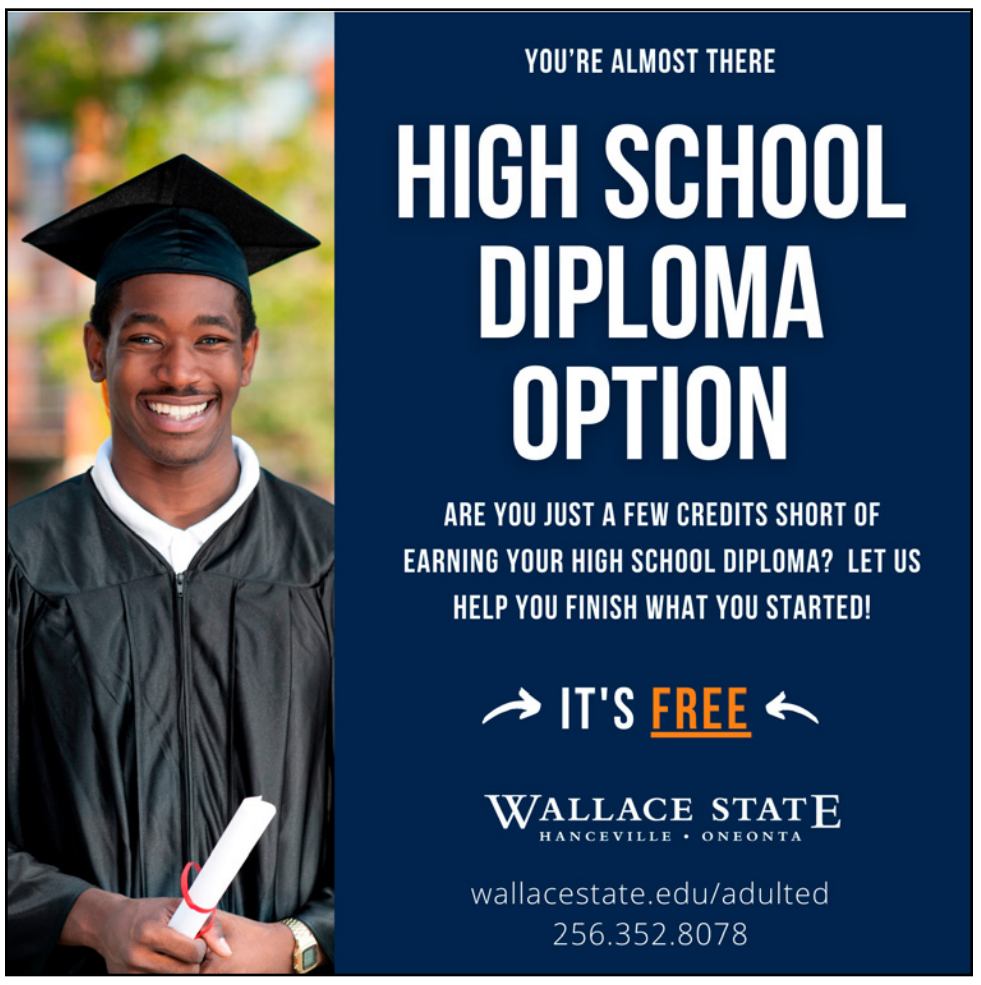
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Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Sunday, Aug. 31 – 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, Sept. 3, at 10 a.m. Storytime
• Snead's Farmhouse will be here three Wednesdays in a row. A favorite education experience, with interaction, it's magical and unforgettable! Come join us for a little science, a lot of fun and maybe a peep or two:
• Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 10-11 a.m. Snead's Farmhouse: Real chick eggs will be placed in incubator and children will learn all about the 21-day cycle of a chick!
• Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 10-11 a.m. Snead's Farmhouse: We'll dive deeper into development and farm fun with hands-on learning!
• Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 10-11 a.m. Snead's Farmhouse: If all goes well, the BIG moment arrives – baby chicks hatching right before your eyes!
• Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 10 a.m. Book club

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
• www.agriplex.org
• 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.

Ribeye Steak Sandwich Cookout
Saturday, Aug. 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We will celebrate our 32nd year of preparing delicious ribeye steak sandwiches. South Cullman near Walmart in front of the theater. Steaks are charcoal grilled using only Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are still a $10 donation and drinks and chips are $1 each. Place advance orders by calling Edwin Calvert at 256-595-7608. Contact number in the parking lot is 256-595-7608. Come out and enjoy a great sandwich and help us celebrate the beginning of our 32nd year. Cullman County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen

Southside Baptist Church Block Party
Saturday, Aug. 30, from 4-7 p.m. The community is invited for an evening of free food, games and family fun. For more information, email sbccullman@gmail.com or visit the Southside Baptist Church Facebook page. 2003 Main Ave. SW, in Cullman.

Quilters Yard Sale
Friday, Sept. 5, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Fabric and other quilt-related items, clothing, etc.

Baileyton Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 6, starting at 630 a.m. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and coffee. Juice and milk will be available for children. Space is available for eat in, and takeout is also available. Donations are appreciated and will be used for local charities. Please join us there.

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. 7, 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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 4-7 p.m. at St Andrew's Methodist Church (615 Main Ave. SW, Cullman). Proceeds go to Samaritan's Purse to help pay for mailing of the Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 13, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 17645 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, AL 35058. Vendor spots are $20 each and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 2. Payment must be made in person at the ag center office between 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. All payments are cash only.

Men's Breakfast at Seventh Street Baptist
Saturday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 a.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SE in Cullman. Men of Cullman, join us for a hearty breakfast and an inspiring message from Mike Ward, founder of Hope Road Ministries. With over 36 years of ministry experience, Mike brings encouragement and powerful insight from God's Word. Come hungry – for breakfast and for the Word of God!

Good Samaritan Health Clinic Caring for Cullman Health & Wellness Fun Day
Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. FREE Health & Wellness Fun Day Event. Join us at 118 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman to hear live stage sessions featuring local health and wellness experts, family friendly fun zone, food trucks, local vendors and wellness resources, free health assessments from on-site mobile units, door prizes and more! Bring a lawn chair and get inspired to live your healthiest life.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Annual Senior Health Fair
Thursday, Sept. 18, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center. The free event is open to adults 55 and older and will feature health services, resources and plenty of opportunities to show off their groovy 70's dance moves. The event will also feature barbecue sandwiches for lunch from The Butcher's Chuckwagon, along with shaved ice from Cha Cha's Shaved Ice. For more information about the Senior Health Fair, contact Scott Sarich at the Cullman County Commission on Aging at 256-734-1241. The Active Adult Center is located at 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Sportsman Lake Park Fall Yard Sale
Saturday, Sept. 20, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Admission to the park is free, and the sale will go on rain or shine. For those interested in renting a space, the park offers both grass sites and pavilion spaces. All reservations must be made in person.

CPR Certification Class at Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department
Saturday, Sept 27, at 8 a.m. Community members are encouraged to attend and learn this lifesaving skill. For more information or to register, contact Ann Harrison at 256-339-8502.

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
The Annual Oktoberfest German Dinner, featuring traditional German cuisine, will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 4-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center at Sacred Heart Church in Cullman. Plates are $15 each and are available for dine in or drive thru/take out. The church is located at 205 Third Ave. SE in Cullman.

Weekend (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two major community events are planned for Labor Day weekend: the 29th Annual Sweet Tater Festival at Smith Lake Park on Aug. 31-Sept. 1, and the Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration on Sept. 1, at Randall Shedd Community Park.

The Sweet Tater Festival will run Sunday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The festival will feature live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts and, of course, plenty of sweet potatoes.

On Labor Day, the festival will also host its Sweet Tater Festival Car Show from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Admission is $5 per person or $20 per vehicle, with armbands granting entry for both days of the festival. For more information, contact the Smith Lake Park Office at 256-739-2916 or smithlakepark@co.cullman.al.us.

The Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration will also take place on Monday, Sept. 1, at Randall Shedd Community Park, located at 649 Wesley Ave. North.

The day will kick off with a car and truck show from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., with awards presented at 1 p.m. Registration is $20, with proceeds going to Lions Club projects.

At 11 a.m., the Lions Club will host its annual parade, open to anyone who wishes to participate. Lineup begins at 10 a.m. at the park.

Throughout the day, families can enjoy food, vendors, music, a bouncy house and much more. For questions about the Fairview event, contact Felicia Bailey at 256-735-8722.



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'It's a community filled with amazing people who support one another': Holly Pond's John Garcia reflects on Bronco years

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JOHN GARCIA
Holly Pond's John Garcia

HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond's John Garcia earned his diploma in May, and in this interview, he talked about his favorite memories playing alongside some great teammates and friends on the football field and memories he made in the classroom with his fellow Broncos.

"My favorite memories came from my junior year of football. Even though we may not have won as many games as we wanted to, the memories I have, getting to play my favorite sport with my best friends, is what means the most to me. My favorite moment in particular was when we, as a team, broke the losing streak that we had going on at the time. It felt good to finally begin to see our hard work pay off and begin to show. Even though I didn't get to play my senior year due to injury, I'm still so grateful to have been able to be a part of a team like Holly Pond, and it will always mean the world to me," Garcia said. "It was such a good feeling to be around so many great teammates and friends. When you get to share the field with people like Jayden Holloway, Sawyer Olinger, Diego Arreguin, just to name a few, it becomes so much easier in practice and in games, because we all have the same goals in common, we wanted to get better, and we wanted to win. Being around my teammates like them pushed me to work harder and do my part just like I knew that they would do their part for the team. It's that bond and trust that we had that is hard to put into words that made our team so special."

John added,

"I learned that no matter how good or talented you are, it doesn't matter if you can't be coachable, selfless, or a good teammate. It was about more than just me or the next person. It's about doing your part for the team. I learned that it applies not only to the sport of football but to life in general. They also taught me what it meant to have people trust in you. Even when I made a mistake or was in my head, they were always there to tell me something encouraging and lift me up. Even when I didn't believe in myself, they believed in me, and so because of them, I want to treat everyone the same way in every aspect of life."

Even though he didn't play a lot under coach Will McDaniels, John is excited to see what he has in store for the football program this season and moving forward. He will remember and miss a lot about playing at Holly Pond.

"Even though I didn't play much for him, I'm really excited to see where coach McDaniels leads the program of Holly Pond in the future. I have no doubt in my mind that he will be the coach there for a long time coming. Coach McDaniels would always sit us down, and let us know that he's not going anywhere, and that he's here for us. As a player, having that connection with your coach, knowing that he's excited to be a part of the program, really means a lot," Garcia said. "I will always remember the pep rallies before games and looking into the crowd for my friends and family who were there in support of me. I will always remember what all of my coaches taught me and all the memories playing with my friends. What I will miss the most about competing at Holly Pond is wearing the green and white colors across my chest and playing for the best community in the county."

He shared some of his favorite high school memories as well. He grew up a Bronco, and that's why going to school at Holly Pond meant the world to him.

"Some of my favorite memories came from Mr. Roden's class. He always found a way to teach while making it fun and teaching us a lot of life lessons and practical lessons too. A lot more came from the time I spent playing sports. I enjoyed my senior year and being able to have our senior picnic, sunrise, and so many more things. I loved being a part of the field day and helping set up for the Veteran's Day program. I will always cherish these moments and am blessed to have been able to experience them," Garcia said. "It's a special place to go to, because it was the place where I grew up in. I made my best friends here at Holly Pond, and it's a community filled with amazing people who support one another. The teachers there care for you and do whatever it takes to make sure you succeed in whatever it is that you're wanting to do."

John will miss being a Bronco this fall and being a role model for younger kids on and off the field is very important to him.

"I'll miss the underclassmen that I was friends with and the teachers there. I'll definitely miss the feeling of walking through those halls in the morning and just the positive energy that each teacher had in the morning. Another thing I'll miss is the pep rallies and school events that we had going on each week, and all of the special events the school had for us," he said. "I've always been taught to set an example, and work hard at all times, because the younger kids take after the older group. For me, it's important to be that role model, because us as an older group set the tempo, and work ethic traits like that are contagious, and once people start seeing that, it makes them want to work hard too."

He shared some advice with the students starting high school this fall and talked about some of his own future plans as he prepares to kick off his collegiate career.

"My advice would be to start now. Everything you do now sets you up for your future, so be involved in as much as you can. Whether that be through sports, clubs, or community service, try to be involved in whatever it is that you can be involved in. Everything you do from now until you graduate is building your resume, so when that time comes when you're presenting that to job employers, colleges, or anything else, it's important to have something that makes you stand out. Most importantly, have fun, and enjoy your time, because before you know it, you'll be walking across that stage onto the next chapter of your life," he said. "I received scholarships from the University of Auburn and some from Holly Pond. I received the Fearless and True Scholarship, the Muriel and Mary Albright Scholarship, and the Ever to Conquer Scholarship. I'm so grateful and thankful to have received them. I'll be attending Auburn in the fall, and I'll be majoring in Civil Engineering. The campus there is beautiful and amazing everywhere you look. Not only that, but when I'm on campus, I feel safe."

God has played a big part in John's life, and he shared some of his favorite Bible verses. He wants people to remember him as a kind person in and outside of sports and school.

"God has played a huge role in my life. If it wasn't for Him, I wouldn't be in the position that I'm in today. I owe all of the glory to Him, my Lord and Savior. My favorite verses are 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. They mean a lot to me, and I try my best to live my life through those verses," he said. "I want people to remember me as a person who was there for other people. I want to be remembered as someone who was nice, caring, and hard-working, but most importantly, I want to be remembered as someone who was always dependable and trustworthy."



WSCC ATHLETICS
2025 Wallace State Cross Country teams.

Wallace State Cross Country earns top 10 preseason ranking

Wallace State Athletics
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State cross country will open the 2025 season with both programs among the nation's elite. In the NJCAA Division II Preseason Rankings, the women's team is slotted at No. 2 in the country, while the men's team checks in at No. 7.

Head coach Tony Crider said the early recognition provides both excitement and motivation, but the focus remains on the work ahead.

"That is a tremendous starting spot for our women's team, but we cannot be complacent," Crider said of the No. 2 ranking. "It's good motivation for our student athletes to try to climb the ladder as the season progresses," he added about the men.

Crider emphasized that preseason rankings are only a starting point for the program's ultimate goal.

"Our goal is to win a national championship, but you can't do that based on the preseason; we have to go out and take it."

Wallace State is no stranger to competing at the highest level in NJCAA cross country, and both squads will look to build momentum through the fall season.

The Lions also find themselves in strong company within the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC), which placed multiple programs in the national polls.

On the men's side, Calhoun is ranked No. 10, Shelton State is 19th, Coastal Alabama–North is 22nd, and Northeast Alabama rounds out the group at No. 24. For the women, Northeast Alabama sits at No. 14, Calhoun at No. 15, Gadsden State at No. 18, and Shelton State at No. 19.

With both Wallace State programs ranked in the top 10 and a deep slate of ACCC rivals also ranked, the stage is set for a highly competitive season across the conference and the nation.

Both teams will open their season this weekend at the University of Memphis Twilight Meet.



Meeting (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The 89th annual meeting of Cullman Electric Cooperative is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at Northbrook Church, starting at 9 a.m. Registration and activities will go until 11, at which time the annual business meeting will begin inside the church worship center.

Registration packets were mailed to all Cullman EC members starting the week of Aug. 4. Members can sign the registration card, fill out the ballot and submit both using the return-mail envelope included with the packet. The signed registration card and completed ballot must be received no later than Sept. 11, 2025. Members who register and vote by mail or in-person are eligible to win one of 10 bill credits between $100 and $500.

Members who do not register or vote by mail can do both in-person at the meeting, starting at 9 at Northbrook Church. All members who attend the meeting in person will receive a $20 power bill credit and register for the attendance door prize drawings. This year's prizes include a 65-inch Hisense 4K HDTV, a Pitboss pellet grill, a Ninja ice cream maker, an RTIC cooler or an all-inclusive ticket package for the Cullman County Fair.

Guests at the annual meeting can enjoy free hot dogs, popcorn and drinks; the hot dogs will be served by the Holly Pond High School Band Boosters. Entertainment includes live music performed outside by Avenue G Band, or guests can watch a Co-op movie inside the church worship center. Family friendly activities include an inflatable obstacle course and video game trailer — a favorite activity for children of all ages — along with the Cullman EC bucket truck photo booth and interactive power line demonstration. Be sure to check out the electric vehicle car show, and visit Cullman Regional's free community health fair at the annual meeting.

Three positions on the Cullman Electric board of trustees are on this year's ballot, and members will also vote on proposed changes to the bylaws. The complete list of the proposed bylaw changes are available on the Cullman Electric website and were published in the May edition of Alabama Living magazine

In District 2, board member Trina Walker and candidate Andrew Pinyan are on the ballot. In District 6, incumbent Daryl Calvert is running against Jeff Byars. District 4 incumbent board member James Fields is running unopposed.

Trina Walker has served as the District 2 trustee since being appointed by the board in February 2025. Walker was born and raised in the Fairview and Baileyton communities. She graduated from Fairview High School in 1989, and has devoted her professional life serving schools in Cullman County. For the past 11 years she has been the principal at Fairview Middle School. Before that she served as the assistant principal at FMS and taught at both Holly Pond Elementary and Jones Chapel Elementary. Trina and her husband, Kenneth Walker, have been married 33 years and have three son and four grandsons. They are active members at Desperation Church. Walker has started classes through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Andrew Pinyan works at Alabama Farm Credit as the Senior Vice President, Director of Agribusiness and Capital Markets. He graduated from Auburn University in 2016 with a B.S. Agricultural Business and Economics degree and has completed the Alabama Forestry Association Young Leaders Program, Alabama Leadership Initiative and the Farm Credit System Leadership Program. He also serves on the boards of the Alabama Agribusiness Council and the International Motor Sports Hall of Fame Museum at Talladega Superspeedway. Andrew and his wife, Caroline, have a two-year old son, Tripp, and a daughter, Perry, who was born in April. They live on a family farm in Holly Pond, and have a small cattle operation. He is active in the community with the Cullman County Cattlemen's, The Link of Cullman County, Cullman County Farmers Federation and Ducks Unlimited.

District 6 board member Daryl Calvert retired from Wal-Mart Fleet Maintenance as shop supervisor after more than 20 years of service. Today, he is owner and operator of a small lawn care business, DC Lawn. Graduating from Cold Springs High School in 1974, Calvert worked as a diesel mechanic for 27 years and farmed for 10. He feels these experiences allowed him to develop good people skills and a strong work ethic. Calvert enjoys lawn work, hunting, fishing and woodworking. In addition, he likes to spend time with his children and grandchildren. Calvert has successfully completed the curriculum of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director.

Jeff Byars has more than 20 years of experience as an accountant, and has worked since 2020 as the owner Sun Back Moon, LLC, a patient advocacy firm that supports families navigating the financial complexities of the healthcare system. He is a licensed EMT and has worked with volunteer fire services in Cullman County for more than 30 years. Byars is a graduate of Good Hope High School and has an accounting degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is currently president of Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department and treasurer for multiple statewide EMS organizations. Byars says he is committed to cooperative governance and has pledged to obtain his Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) Certificate upon election to the Cullman Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees.

District 4 board member James Fields is a graduate of Hanceville High School. He continued his education at Jacksonville State University where he earned a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement and Sociology. During his career with the Department of Industrial Relations, Fields worked as the Assistant Administrator and North Alabama Supervisor in the department's Fraud Unit. Fields has successfully completed the curriculum of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association to become a Credentialed Cooperative Director, and has gone further, earning his NRECA Director Gold Credential as well.

For more information about this year's event, visit www.cullmanec.com.

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Honoring our heritage

Rev. John M. Bussman
Contributor

When Cullman was celebrating its 150th birthday, we were asked to participate in the celebration. In thinking about the best way to honor our heritage, I thought, "Why not conduct a worship service according to the structure and language of our forefathers?" Then my brain went wild with questions. "Are we going to worship just for a 'show' or 'an experience?' That's not the point of worship." "Will there be anyone who can understand?" "What's the point?" As we have been privileged to continue this tradition, it is important that we understand that what we do does serve a purpose and isn't just for show.

To "tradition" something is to hand it over. For those in the Church, that is how the Confession of the faith has reached our ears. This faith was handed from Abraham to Isaac to Jacob and to generations after that. The major difficulties that begin in the Old Testament primarily happen because the Confession wasn't passed along. In other words, the people wanted to do "their own thing."

For example, despite being in Egypt at the end of Genesis, God's people were in a good place. They were shepherding many flocks and herds in the lush pastures of Goshen and living peaceably in the land. How do they go from that to being enslaved for 400 years? The Scriptures tell us. "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph" (Exodus 1:8). That's a significant part of recent history that was forgotten, and because it was not "traditioned" (handed over), God's people were enslaved out of fear that they would join with Egypt's enemies and make war against them (Exodus 1:10).

The same thing also happened in the book of Judges. After the conquest of the land failed just after the days of Joshua, it is written, "And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). How could they forget such magnificent and miraculous history? It's one thing for an Egyptian Pharaoh to not know of a Hebrew prisoner who rose to second in command over all of Egypt. It's another when God's own people know nothing of the plagues, the Red Sea, the wilderness, or that the land they had inherited had been promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They were literally living the promises of God fulfilled, and they knew nothing of it all because a generation arose who had not been handed over the history.

With all of the discord we see and experience today, how much of it exists because proper teaching wasn't handed over to the next generation? Today, we see the scriptural reality that existed later in Judges, "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6). Because God's people had forsaken God as king, they were left to their own devices. Chaos, war, plague, and death ensued. Sound familiar?

If I could step down from the pulpit, I will say that this is why it is important for us to remember and to reflect on who we are and where we came from as Cullmanites not only socially but especially religiously. We have an opportunity to do that "religiously" on Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Partnering with the City of Cullman in kicking off Oktoberfest, we will lead "Gottesdienst" (Divine Service) in the German language as the founders of our city would have known it. (Our founder was Lutheran, after all!) We hope that all of you, regardless of denominational affiliation (or no affiliation at all), will come join us in this tradition. English text will be provided to follow along.

If you have any questions about the service or about our Lutheran heritage, please contact Reverend Bussman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 256-734-3575.

The Rev. John M. Bussman
Senior Pastor
St. Paul's Lutheran Church





LEGALS

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.

Pursuit to Alabama Code 32-13-1 Mullins Body Shop LLC, will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on 9/30/2025 at 9:00 am at 11042 US Hwy 31 S.,Cullman

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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.

1 st **EMILY N JOHNSTON**
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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 information in the bidding.

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

LISA MCSWAIN, CL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ERCER TRANSPORTATION CO. INC., PLAINTIFF,
S. CASE NO. CV- 2025-900128.00
HRISTOPHER BOYD, DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

That a Complaint has been filed with the Circuit Court of Cullman County in the above styled cause. Any concerned parties must answer to this notice by the 27th day of September, 2025, or thereafter a Judgment by default may be rendered in this cause.

DONE this the 24th day of July, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

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
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
KATHRYN WATERS JAMES, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2025-108

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration With the Will Annexed having been granted to ALAN SCHOLLIAN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of KATHRYN WATERS JAMES, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

ALAN SCHOLLIAN
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 20th day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
OTTIS HAROLD DEAN PITTS, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC2025-279

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MICHAEL ANDREW PITTS, as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF OTTIS HAROLD DEAN PITTS, deceased, on the 19 day of August, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

MICHAEL ANDREW PITTS
Personal Representative

/s/ Richard L. Collins
Richard L. Collins
Attorney for Personal Representative of the
ESTATE OF OTTIS HAROLD DEAN PITTS
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 19th day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Plaintiffs,
v. CASE NO PC 2025-308
E. HOMER DAVIS; DOLLY R. DAVIS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARTHUR WAYNE VINTSON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MATTIE L., VINTSON; CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE; BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER; ANY UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID: 23-01-11-0-001-017.003 ON HIGHWAY 91 IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA;
Defendants.

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

TO: E. HOMER DAVIS, DOLLY R. DAVIS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARTHUR WAYNE VINTSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MATTIE L. VINTSON, CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE, BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER, OR ANY UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL IS: 23-01-11-1-001-017-003 ON HIGHWAY 91 IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation filed by the State of Alabama Ex Rel John R. Cooper, Director of the of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Plaintiff, through Attorney, John E. Rollins. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the **3rd day of October, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 22nd day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

What a day!

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I wrote a song a couple of years ago that said, "I'm going to have a good day, anyway – no matter what comes my way." I have tried to live by that declaration, but I have to tell you, last Monday tested the limits! What began with a frantic search for my cell phone ended with a bedtime fire alarm.

I have discovered that one of the great aggravations of senior adulthood is my amazing ability to misplace or lose things. I have heard it said, "Of all the things I've lost, I think I miss my mind the most." One of the most common questions around our house is, "Have you seen my cell phone?" In the days when we only had land-line phones, we never had to worry about losing the phone. Since it was attached to the wall with a cord, it was virtually impossible. If we did lose the phone, that was a pretty good indication that we needed to do a better job of housekeeping! Some families even had a phone that hung on the wall. How convenient! It was always right there in the same spot. One cousin of mine had his personal phone directory right there beside his wall phone...written directly on the wall!

Last Monday, Jean and I were getting ready to go out of town for a couple of days. I spotted her cell phone on the end of the bathtub.

Trying to be helpful (or perhaps being a wise guy) I said, "When you start looking for your phone, there it is." About two minutes later, with a red face, I sheepishly asked, "Have you seen 'my' cell phone?" The search was on. She dialed my number, but all I heard was the sound of silence. I had made a quick trip to the store earlier that morning. So, I made another quick trip back to the same store, only to be disappointed. Then, Jean received a call from me, but not from me. She answered and said, "You found your phone," only to hear a strange man's voice say, "This is Jackson, I found 'a' phone...in the middle of the street beside Wendy's." Fortunately, like an adroit squirrel, it managed to not be flattened by a car tire. He left it at Wendy's, and he left Wendy's, before I could get there. Jackson, if by chance you read this, "Thank you!"

Later that day, Jean, me and my cell phone made it to our destination. I managed to make the trip, set up my instruments and sound system for a next-morning program, all without losing my phone again or my mind.

I was exhausted when I finally settled down for a mid-summer's sleep. We didn't go to Six Flags, but we did stay at a Holiday Inn Express. About the time I dozed off, I was blasted back out of bed by blaring alarms. I thought Jean must have a new annoying ring tone on her phone.

Then we realized it was coming from the hallway. Yes, it was the fire alarms. Everyone evacuated the building. There we were, standing in the hotel parking lot in the middle of the night, dressed in our pjs, with hair that had been combed...yesterday. Some had on little or nothing, some had on shoes, some had on socks and one ole boy had on his cowboy boots with gym shorts.

It looked like a family reunion at Wal-Mart! It turned out to be a false alarm.

We went back inside and made ourselves a big glass of lemonade. You know what they say to do when life gives you lemons!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Aug. 30, 1917

From the files of Aug. 30, 1917

FAIRVIEW DOTS

Cullman, R. 2, Aug. 27.—The people around here have pulled some fodder.

Our singing school was closed last Thursday and all the pupils regretted to see it stop.

Mr. Dovard Mann spent a few days vacation here with his home folks and he seemed to have a good time also with the young people. He says he is coming out again when he can stay longer.

Miss Dora Shell was all smiles last week as her fellow was here from Georgia.

The watermelon cutting last Saturday night at Mr. W. M. Boyd's was just fine. A large crowd was present and enjoyed the occasion greatly.

Mr. Emory McConnell and party of young people motored to the picnic at Arab and reported a good time.

Mr. Pruett says he is going to give the young people a singing when he gets his new house done so the young people are wanting him to hurry.

GOOD HOPE NEWS

Cullman R. 6, Aug. 27.—Health in this community is good.

Miss Woodall spent Saturday with Miss Ella Brock.

Mrs. Mandy Brock left Saturday for the home of her daughter to spend a few weeks.

Mr. George Livingston and family spent last Saturday with E. L. Brock.

Mr. Reeves and family spent last Sunday with E. H. Cordes and family.

J. P. Griffin and family spent Sunday with Charlie Bradford and family.

Henry Livingston and family spent last Sunday with R. C. Livingston.

The singing at Mr. R. J. Livingston's last Friday night was just fine.

Charley and Elton Brock spent last Sunday with Roy Ragland.

Miss Gertie Brock was the guest of Mr. Smith's family for dinner Sunday.

William L. Brock spent the week-end at Central.

Our Sunday school at Good Hope is just doing fine and the singing at Good Hope last Sunday evening was just splendid.

Mr. Alvin Livingston was all smiles last Sunday because he got to be with Bessie Robinson.

Irvin Livingston had a broad smile on his face Sunday evening and he was with Miss Mattie Spelley.

Arthur Livingston was wearing a broad smile Sunday—he accompanied Miss Kathleen Reeves home from the singing.

Everybody remember the all day singing at Good Hope the 9th of September and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to come and bring well filled baskets and song books.

TWO CULLMEN MEN INVENT NEW GUN

According to a report from Albany a new machine gun has been invented by two well known Cullman citizens, Mr. W. A. Schlosser, the successful contractor and builder, and a Mr. Robinson, and a patent has been applied for. The machine is constructed by wrapping a bale of cotton securely both ways with steel wire and fastening a machine gun by wires to both ends of the bale. The bale is placed on a specially constructed truck propelled by a motor. The gunner drives the machine directly at the enemy's line and entrenched behind the cotton works the two guns. If the invention proves a success it will create an added demand for cotton as well as proven an effective aid in winning the war.



POET'S CORNER

Bob White Quail | By: Randy C. Hale

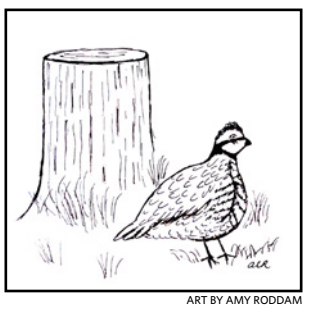
Shy and elusive and
camouflaged so well.

In heaven's beauty with
trees planted by crystal clear
streams, I long to hear the
call of "Bob White"

"Bob Bob White,"

with my grandfather

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ART BY AMY RODDAM

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

AUG. 30

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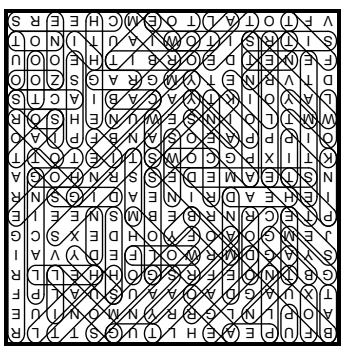
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

AUG. 30

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THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!

Firefighter (from Front)

the roll bar. So I slammed on the brakes, threw it in reverse and told my wife to call 911."

Laminack said he did not know it was going to be Parker Dellinger.

"While my wife was on the phone, I did everything in my power to try to lift the machine off him," Laminack said. "After a few minutes, I told my wife to get off the phone with 911 to call someone else, then come help. It was all a blur, but by that time Jamie (Dellinger) showed up — we continued to lift as much weight of the machine off of Parker, Dr. Matt showed up. God gave him the strength we needed to lift the Ranger off him."

Laminack said, as they lifted the machine up enough, his wife Tonia was able to pull Parker Dellinger from underneath it. He said he couldn't go into further detail, but in that moment, the boy was lifeless.

"I checked for breathing and a pulse then began CPR," Laminack said. "Cullman EMS then arrived and we moved him to the ambulance to continue a medical assessment.

"I thank God that Parker's 8-year-old sister, Payton, had the strength and courage to run back to the house to get her parents. She also was thrown from the Ranger, but was uninjured."

Laminack shared that he thanked God that they were driving by the house at the right time and that Dr. Dellinger was home, or the situation could have gone much differently.

"I did not save Parker, our Lord and Savior saved him and spared his life for one heck of a testimony," Laminack said. "He just used me as a vessel in being there at the right time, and giving me the strength and knowledge to help."

Dr. Dellinger said he and his family owe Laminack a debt that could never be repaid.

"He saved our son's life, and we also firmly believe that God had a mighty hand in that day, and we have truly felt the power of the many prayers lifted up on our behalf," Dellinger said. "This experience has been such a strong reminder of the incredible community we live in. We feel beyond blessed to be here and to have the opportunity to continue raising our children surrounded by such love and support."

He said Parker is home, healing and resting. "He wants to go back to school soon. Even his fast healing has been a miracle."

On Friday, Aug. 29, at the Cullman City Council meeting, Cullman Fire Chief Darren Peeples presented Laminack a plaque honoring his heroic service.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 28-29

Nancy Kay McClendon, 81
Nancy Kay McClendon, age 81 of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born, Aug. 3, 1944 to Hubert Denton and Opal Denton. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon McClendon; brother, Herdes Denton; and sister, Margie Yates. Survivors include her daughter, Melissa (Brent Partain) Mann; son, Nicky (Annette) McClendon; grandchildren, Lyle (Hannah) McClendon, Zachary McClendon, and Alex Mann; great grandchild, Layla Franks; sisters, Ann Nelson, Shirley Wicks, and Carolyn (Robert) Walker; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family will have a private memorial at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Glenda Jane Kelso, 73
Funeral services for Glenda Jane Kelso, 73, of Hanceville will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Rev. Paul Campbell and Rev. James Fields will officiate services. Visitation will be Saturday Aug. 30, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Glenda Jane Kelso left this world the same way she lived in it—on her own terms, with a quick wit, and probably planning a joke we haven't caught onto yet. She was a selfless and loving homemaker who dedicated her life to her husband of 57 years, her children, grandchildren, and countless others she took in as her own. Patient and kind, yet tough as nails, she had a fanatic sense of humor that could cut through the hardest days. She made the best chocolate gravy in the world, spoiled us rotten, and never let us forget who was really in charge. She had a deep love for kids, always dressing up for holidays—especially Halloween—and making magic out of the ordinary. She was happiest when surrounded by family, though we suspect the police scanner was a close second. Glenda loved music, laughter, and telling it straight. She was bossy, stubborn, and never afraid to stick by us when the world said no. Through the good and the bad, she cracked jokes, kept us together, and reminded us that love can be fierce, funny, and a little bit noisy. She made an impact on countless lives, leaving us all better (and more spoiled) for having known her. Only Glenda would have the foresight—and sense of humor—to plan her own funeral for years, and we're honored that the new mayor will be officiating, just as she wanted. Somehow, we can already hear her laughing about it. Glenda Jane Kelso was one of a kind. We are fortunate, blessed, and endlessly grateful to have been loved by her. And though we'll miss her beyond measure, we can take comfort knowing she's with her mama in Heaven keeping check on us. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Lynn Kelso, children, Eddie Kelso, Penny Collins, children who she loved as her own, Savannah (Bo) Pitts, Bama Thompson, Taylor (Kelly) Hunter, and Jordan Thompson; grandchildren, Cole Collins, Kristin Kelso, Gracie Dean, Braxton Phillips, Weston Green, Addalynn Rassman, Wrenley Hunter and Ridge Thompson; her beautiful French daughter-in-love, Caroline (Caro), whom she loved as her own daughter; and her God sent angels, Colton, Anzlie, and Remi; and special friends Eric Wells & Shana Melton. Mrs. Kelso was preceded in death by her mother, Desmer McAnnally. Serving as pallbearers will be Bud Kelso, Cody Kelso, AJ Kelso, Rob Green, Gene Mayfield, and David Kelso. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the building fund at Hanceville Methodist Church. The family of Mrs. Kelso would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the staff at Cullman Regional Medical Center, Folsom Center Nursing Home, Cullman Dialysis Clinic and Southern Care Hospice. Your compassion, patience, and tender care brought comfort to both Glenda and to all of us who loved her. In her final days, you gave her dignity, kindness, and peace—and for that, we will always be profoundly thankful. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kelso Family.

Lawrence Dovers Light, 82
Funeral services for Lawrence Dovers Light, 82, of Arkadelphia will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, at Union Grove Baptist Church in Bremen, Alabama. Burial will follow the service at Union Grove Baptist Church cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 30, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Light was born May 3, 1943, in Walker County, Alabama. He passed away Aug. 28, 2025, in Arkadelphia, Alabama. Lawrence lived a simple, joyful life and will be remembered for the things that brought him peace and happiness. He enjoyed mowing grass, keeping his yard neat and beautiful. Often, he could be found multitasking in his favorite way—watching TV and reading at the same time. He loved sitting under a shade tree, feeding the birds, and savoring his favorite treat—Nutty Buddy bars Mr. Light is survived by his children, Cynthia Powell (Rickey), Lawrence Dewayne Light (Melissa Ann); and his grandchildren, Nathan Day (Marissa), Makenzie Light, Bailee Light; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mr. Light was preceded in death by his wife, Syble Ann Light; parents, Claude & Maudie Light; his siblings; and his mother-in-law, Ethel Stanley. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Light family.

Dan Gene Anderson, 84
Funeral services for Dan Gene Anderson, 84, of Bremen will be 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Addington Chapel cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Anderson was born Aug. 25, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Elmer and Eunis Anderson. He passed away Aug. 28, 2025, at his residence in Bremen, Alabama. Dan faithfully served the Lord in ministry for 52 years. He was known by many as "Dan the Praise the Lord Man," a name that reflected his joyful spirit and faith. Over the years, he pastored Solid Rock Church in Bremen for 15 years and also shared the gospel throughout Cullman, Blount, and Walker counties, leaving a lasting impact on countless lives. Outside of the pulpit, Dan enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, especially mowing grass, which brought him peace and contentment. His life was a testament to his love for God, his family, and his community. Dan will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who touched many hearts with his kindness, encouragement, and dedication to the Lord's work. Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Frances Anderson; children, Gene Anderson, Kathy Anderson Lackey (John), Karen Bullard; grandchildren, Joshua Lackey (Katie), Justin Lackey, Eric Anderson (Amanda), Anthony Anderson (Alexis), Matthew Anderson (Alicia), Derick Bullard, Ashley Bullard; 14 great grandchildren; brother, Donald Anderson; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends. Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Eunis Anderson; 5 brothers, and 3 sisters. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Anderson family.

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