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Greg to serve as liturgist, preacher for St. Paul's German-language worship service Sept. 30

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Paul's Lutheran Church announced this week it is honored to welcome back Reverend Dan Greg, pastor of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bensenville, Illinois, to serve as the liturgist and preacher for this year's Gottesdienst (German Divine Service). The service will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 513 Fourth Ave. SE in Cullman, as part » PAGE 5

Reverend Dan Greg »



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Attention plant lovers!

The Plantique now open





ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Plantique is now officially open at 324 County Road 222.

Anabelle Howze
anabelle@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — A new plant nursery has officially opened in Cullman. The Plantique opened on Tuesday, Sept. 2, in the former Mustard Seed Nursery location.

Nevada Frye and her family own The Plantique. Their business may be new to Cullman, but it's anything but new to the industry. Frye and her family already operate two garden centers in Jasper, and the passion for plants runs deep.

The Plantique offers a wide range of plants and gardening supplies, including seasonal annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, herbs and vegetables. For fall, customers can also expect porch décor favorites like stacking pumpkins, hay bales and corn stalks, with festive Christmas items to follow.

"We grow most of what we sell," Frye said. "And of course, we'll also have houseplants, succulents and cacti."

However, what truly sets The Plantique apart is its emphasis on a personalized customer experience.

"I really like to offer that mom-and-pop feel," explained Frye.

"If you need help loading your car, have questions about a plant or just know you want something for a certain spot, we'll walk through it with you."

Whether you're a professional landscaper, a weekend gardener or someone who's never owned a plant, Frye and her team are ready to help.

For those who were loyal customers of The Mustard Seed, Frye assured many familiar favorites will still be available.

"We're going to continue what was here, but we'll also bring in new and exciting things as they come out," she said. "And if there's something specific someone wants, I'll do everything I can to get it."

To those just starting with gardening, Frye offered this advice: "Don't be afraid. Ask questions. Anybody can keep a plant alive. If I can do it, you can, too."

The Plantique is located at 324 County Road 222. Find it online at Facebook/The Plantique Cullman.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 3

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 3, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 28

- domestic violence; CR 398
- harassment; domestic violence; Hwy. 278E
- theft of property; Hwy. 278E
- harassment; harassing communications; CR 771
- harassing communications; High School Rd.
- trespassing; CR 1840
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1043

Aug. 29

- assault; CR 324
- criminal mischief; CR 771
- harassment; CR 1650

Aug. 30

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM308
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- dog bite; CR 308
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 522
- violation of protection order; CR 1025
- criminal mischief; CR 1736
- possession of controlled substance; US. 31

Aug. 31

- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Park Dr.
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1059
- burglary; CR 346
- burglary; CR 1488
- burglary; CR 879
- violation of elder abuse; Neptune Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1810

Sept. 1

- domestic violence; Danes Ln.
- assault; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; CR 351
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 349
- domestic violence; CR 616
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Hwy. 69S

ARRESTS

Aug. 28-31

Anders, Tyra S.; 34
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Cammon, Michael E.; 61
- FTA – public intoxication

Coubert, Hunter E.; 23
- criminal mischief – damaged property

Daniel-Corona, Dulce J.; 26
- possession of methamphetamine

Dingler, Tiffany J.; 44
- criminal trespass

Esposito, Jan M.; 45
- cruelty to dog/cat
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Farmer, Rachel N.; 33
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- stolen property-credit card/automatic teller machine fraud

Graveman-Marinez, Amy M.; 48
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Hollis, Patricia L.; 53
- public intoxication

Hopper, Cody R.; 35
- public intoxication

Hutto, Kristin R.; 43
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

James, Angel M.; 28
- violation of an elder abuse protection order

Kelso, Christopher W.; 51
- reckless endangerment

King, Heath A.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- violation of a domestic violence protection order
- FTA – violation of a domestic violence protection order

North, Rachael N.; 40
- permitting dogs to run at large

Scott, Ella K.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Scott, Levi P.; 22
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Silva Garcia, Blas; 34
- DUI

Stricklin, Ace B.; 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wade, Kailee M.; 26
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 29

- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash
- identity theft; person

Aug. 30

- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-2nd degree; person; firearms; $2,000; Ward Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $297; Olive St. SW

Sept. 1

- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged property; $50; Pine Cir. SE
- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $100; 1st St. SW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damaged mailbox; $200; Dripping Springs Rd. NW

ARRESTS

Aug. 29 – Sept. 1

Toomey, Macy M.; 35
- DUI

Stewart, Sr., Kenneth M.; 48
- theft of property-4th degree

Tuggey, Anna V.; 59
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hodge, Michael K.; 35
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (7 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (7 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)

Moore, William T.; 20
- DUI

North, Rachel N.; 40
- theft of property-4th degree

Franklin, Patrick D.; 27
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – harassing communications

Roberson, Sr., Ron M.; 71
- burglary-3rd degree
- VOP (2 counts)
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Otinger, Angel L.; 46
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

McDonald, Elijah B.; 31
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

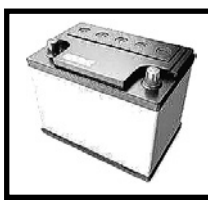
Turner, Adam D.; 42
- FTA – driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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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
- Friday, Sept. 5 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Saturday, Sept. 6 – 8 a.m. Men's breakfast; 10 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
- Sunday, Sept. 7 – 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.
- 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
- Friday, Sept. 26, from 6-7 p.m. Poetry Night. You are invited to share your favorite poem with us, or sing a favorite song. This is a free event and open to the public.

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

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 take-out 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 13110 St. Joesph Dr. Cullman, AL 35055.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Sept. 21, at 5 p.m. featuring The Pylant Family. 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- 1862 or 256-590-1501.

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.

Gottesdienst (Divine Service)
As part of Cullman's annual Oktoberfest celebrations, St. Paul's Lutheran Church will offer a special Gottesdienst (Divine Service) conducted entirely in German on Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. The service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 513 Fourth Ave. SE, and is open to the public.

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.







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WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State volleyball sweeps Invitational field

Wallace State Sports Information

CULLMAN, Ala. -- The Wallace State volleyball team continued its perfect start to the 2025 season, finishing 4-0 at the Wallace State Invitational held Friday and Saturday at the Cullman Omniplex. The Lions did not drop a set all weekend, rolling past Lawson State, Coastal Alabama-South, Georgia Highlands, and Cleveland (NC).

Wallace State opened with a straight-set victory over Lawson State before handling Coastal Alabama-South later in the day. On Saturday, the Lions made quick work of Georgia Highlands and closed out the tournament with a decisive sweep of Cleveland, which finished 3-1 overall.

Tournament records included Cleveland at 3-1, Lawson State at 2-2, Coastal Alabama-South at 1-3, and Georgia Highlands at 0-4.

Head coach Randy Daniel praised his team's improvement from the opening weekend.

"We played more consistently this weekend than we did last week. I could see our confidence growing every match," Daniel said. "Our middle hitters stepped up this week to lead the team."

The Lions (8-0) have yet to drop a set this season, showcasing balanced offense and strong play at the net.

Looking Ahead

Wallace State now turns its attention to a busy week on the road. The Lions will travel to Gadsden State on Wednesday before heading north to Vincennes, Indiana, for the Vincennes Invitational. The two-day event begins Friday with matches against Ellsworth and Wabash Valley. On Saturday, Wallace State will take on host Vincennes and Mineral Area College.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's volleyball team swept the field at the Wallace State Invitational this weekend.

AUBURN FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Opening win 'almost like a dream' for QB Jackson Arnold

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

WACO, Texas — Texas high school football serves as the inspiration for books, movies and television series.

Auburn quarterback Jason Arnold added a new chapter of "Friday Night Lights" in the Tigers' season-opening victory at Baylor.

"It was awesome coming back to Texas," said Arnold, the 2022 national high school player of the year at Guyer High School in Denton, Texas. "It was special coming back and having a season opener here in Texas on a Friday night. It's almost like a dream come true, going out and doing what we did."

Four years earlier, Arnold played a high school semifinal game at Baylor's home venue, McLane Stadium, leading his team to victory with three touchdown passes. This time around, Arnold did most of his damage with his legs, rushing for a career-best 137 yards and two touchdowns while converting two third downs with runs during Auburn's fourth quarter touchdown drive.

"I've got to show my teammates and our team that I'm tough like that and I'm going to get that first down for us and they can count on me no matter what," Arnold said of his willingness and ability to move the chains. "I want those guys to rely on me and trust me to go and get that first down."

Arnold's 27-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-1 accounted for the final points in the Tigers' triumph.

"Normally on fourth-and-1 I would rush into it," Arnold said.

"I took my time a little bit and let the play develop. That's when everything completely parted. It was off running from there."

Among the thousands of Auburn fans in attendance were 10 of Arnold's friends and family members, who greeted him at the end of his first road Tiger Walk.

"To see that our fans travel that well was awesome to see," he said. "I love the energy from the crowd, and I can't wait to play in Jordan-Hare next week."

Exchanging pleasantries

All it took to silence the home crowd was 98 yards and 13 seconds.

After Baylor pulled within seven points late in the third quarter, Rayshawn Pleasant swung momentum back in Auburn's favor, fielding a kickoff at Auburn's 2-yard line outside the right hash mark, cutting to his left and racing 98 yards down the sideline to give the Tigers a 31-17 lead.

"I knew once the ball gets in my hand, I was going to make something happen with it," said Pleasant of his third career kickoff return for a touchdown. "The blockers on kickoff return did a great job, gave me a seam. If it wasn't for my teammates leading me to the way, it wouldn't be possible. I knew once I got in the end zone, we were going to do the rest to finish the game."

Several of Pleasant's teammates shared their ticket allotment with him, allowing Rayshawn to provide tickets for 35 friends and family members to attend.

"Those are my biggest supporters," Pleasant said. "I'm blessed and grateful to be in this position and have the opportunity to do what I love and tell the world what I can do."

One-two RB punch

Sharing the running back load, Damari Alston and Jeremiah Cobb teamed up for 158 rushing yards, evenly splitting 32 combined carries with each scoring a touchdown.

"When we're in that red zone, I'm thinking score," said Alston, who averaged 5.3 yards per attempt and gained 84 yards. "When I touch the ball, I'm running with relentless effort. I'm tenacious when I'm running the ball, that's all I'm thinking."

"I was hoping both of those guys could have a game like this," said Derrick Nix, Auburn's offensive coordinator and running backs coach. "They got a chance to display some of their toughness. I'm very pleased with them."

In his fourth season on the Plains, Alston was elected by his teammates as one of Auburn's captains along with Connor Lew, Keldrick Faulk and Champ Anthony.

"When I got announced, I was in the team meeting smiling," Alston said. "Being here for four years, working my tail off, it's an honor to know that I've earned the respect from my teammates, my peers, my brothers."

Defensive key

Defensively, Auburn held Baylor to 64 rushing yards on 24 attempts, an average of 2.7 yards per carry.

Keyron Crawford led the Tigers with seven tackles and one of Auburn's four sacks, his first for the Tigers.

"We played very physical and fast," Crawford said. "It wasn't our best win, but we gave it all we had."

Keldrick Faulk and Robert Woodyard Jr. each added a sack while Chris Murray and Amaris Williams combined for a sack.



AUSTIN PERRYMAN/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn QB Jackson Arnold

"Getting a win on the road is hard in college football so congratulations to our guys on that," Durkin said. "We had some critical fourth down stops which were huge in the game. We got pressure with four. Our four-man pass rush looked really good. We affected the quarterback a bunch.

"There's a lot to work on, but like I told them, we went on the road and got a win, that's a big deal. There's plenty to clean up and the good news is, we'll keep getting better and better from here."

Wallace State soccer falls to Union University 4-0

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. -- Wallace State men's soccer dropped a 4-0 exhibition contest to NCAA Division II Union University, but head coach James Fee saw plenty of positives from his team's performance.

"Despite the loss, the team put in a very good performance," Fee said. "We just conceded three goals off set pieces and missed our chances when we had them."

Union capitalized on its set-piece opportunities to build its lead, while the Lions generated several attacking chances but couldn't find the finishing touch.

Among the standouts for Wallace State were brothers Kaisei and Shishio Abram, who impressed with their effort and playmaking throughout the match.

Wilson Nichols earned his first start of the season and turned in a solid performance in goal.

Fee also highlighted the impact of attackers Yaya Jawneh and Javier Miranda, who were "dynamic and created many opportunities" despite not finding the net.

The Lions will look to build on the experience and continue with regular season play, as Fee noted the exhibition provided valuable lessons against strong competition.

Wallace State (1-1) will travel to Georgia Military College on Sept. 3rd. They will return home for three straight games starting Sept. 9th against Itawamba Community College.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's soccer team dropped an exhibition match against Union University on Saturday.



ACES: Marble Bowl rivalry expands in 4th annual competition

Katie Nichols
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The stakes are higher than ever as the Marble Bowl competition expands to include at least a dozen colleges and universities in Alabama and their fan bases. A play on the Iron Bowl title, the Marble Bowl has previously pitted Auburn University and University of Alabama fans against one another as citizen scientists help researchers identify and track wildlife populations across the state. This year, Marble Bowl organizer Wesley Anderson said the participation universities across the state sets this year up to be the most exciting yet.

"Alabama is blessed with incredible biodiversity and is among the highest in the nation," said Anderson, an Alabama Extension at Auburn University forestry, wildlife and natural resources specialist. "With these facts in mind, the increased need for documenting biodiversity around the state becomes clear." Anderson said citizen science is a strong contributor to widespread research. He said the reality is that nearly anyone can contribute to science if they want to.

"Our world is changing rapidly, and we need to develop a baseline of what biodiversity in our state looks like now so down the road we can assess how it differs and what we should do about it," Anderson said. "This means observations made around where you live, work and play have value."

The Marble Bowl

In creating the Marble Bowl, Anderson coordinated efforts with the Alabama Museum of Natural History, Auburn University Museum of Natural History and Auburn University College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment.

Now through the weekend of the Iron Bowl, Alabamians can participate in the Marble Bowl by submitting observations of wild plants, animals and fungi to one of two projects on the iNaturalist platform. This online site stores crowdsourced, public observations of biological organisms. Listed below are the necessary steps to participate.

1. Visit inaturalist.org and sign up for a free account. There is also a mobile application for smart devices.
2. Join the "The Marble Bowl" project to keep up with the current score.
3. Within The Marble Bowl umbrella project, join the project of the team you would like to support. Be sure to only join one team project or your scores will cancel each other out.
4. To document an observation, you may shoot photos of wild organisms with your cell phone or camera. Because cell phone photographs are automatically timestamped and geotagged, all of the necessary information is already with the photograph when you upload it. If you prefer to take photos with a digital camera, be sure to note the location and include it with your observation if the camera doesn't geotag it for you.
5. Observations may be uploaded to iNaturalist through a web browser or the app. As you submit observations, the platform's artificial intelligence will suggest an identification based off what is in the photo along with similar species that have already been observed nearby. You are allowed to suggest a different identification if you're confident about what you saw. Select a species and then submit your citizen science observation.

Ground rules

To make sure that the contest is fair and remains competitive, there are a list of rules to follow.

1. Winner. The winner of this competition will be the project that has the highest score out of 100 points.
2. Location. Observations must occur within the state of Alabama.
3. Date and time. Observations must occur between kickoff weekend (Midnight Saturday, Aug. 30) and the end of Iron Bowl weekend (11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30). No photographs taken before this time can be used.
4. No captive/cultivated observations. As much as people may love their pets, they aren't suitable subjects for iNaturalist observations. The goal of this project is to record observations of wild plants, animals, fungi and other organisms across the state. Pets–along with other domesticated animals like horses, chickens and goats–should not be added to the project. Observations of cultivated plants are not allowed either.
5. Quality grade. To be counted in the competition, observations must meet the criteria for Research Grade or Needs ID. Read about those classifications on the iNaturalist website.

"With so many schools participating this year, this is sure to be the most exciting Marble Bowl yet," Anderson said. "Regardless, if your school is the champion, I can already predict our efforts to conserve biodiversity in the state of Alabama is going to be the real winner."

More information

The Marble Bowl is the perfect opportunity to carry some extra bragging rights during football season in Alabama. Learn more about the Marble Bowl by visiting the Alabama Extension website at aces.edu.

St. Paul's hosting community Fall Festival Oct. 12

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School is excited to welcome the community to its annual Fall Festival, happening on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2-5 p.m. at 510 Third Ave. SE, in Cullman.

This family-friendly event will feature:

- Delicious food trucks with something for everyone
- A lively dunk tank
- A festive Trunk or Treat for kids of all ages
- And much more fun and fellowship!

The Fall Festival is open to the entire community, providing an opportunity for families and friends to gather, enjoy seasonal activities and celebrate the blessings of fall.

Event details

- Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025
- 2-5 p.m.
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School, 510 Third Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055

For more information, contact St. Paul's Lutheran School at 256-734-6580.

Greg (from Front)

of Cullman's Oktoberfest celebrations.

Reverend Greg is deeply rooted in both his faith and German heritage.

He has studied German language, literature and culture since high school, and as part of his German degree in college, he studied abroad at the Universität Heidelberg in Baden-Württemberg, Germany.

His wife, Brigitta, and son, Friedrich, share his passion for both faith and the German language, and their family is joyfully expecting a new child in October.

This is not Reverend Greg's first time in Cullman. He has previously served as liturgist and preacher for the St. Paul's Gottesdienst, and the congregation is excited to welcome him again for this unique and meaningful worship experience.

The Gottesdienst will be conducted entirely in German, as the founders of St. Paul's worshiped in 1885. English translations will be provided so that all attendees can follow along.

Following the service, the public is invited to a time of fellowship in the school gym, featuring German pastries and coffee, and the opportunity to meet Reverend Greg in person.

St. Paul's welcomes everyone — whether a Cullman local, a visitor or someone simply interested in German tradition and liturgy — to take part in this special service that celebrates both faith and heritage.

For more information, contact St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 256-734-3575.

Workshop (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local volunteers and churches preparing for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoebox campaign are invited to attend one of several Project Leader Workshops in September, including a session in Cullman on Sunday, Sept.14, from 2-4 p.m. at St. Andrews Global Methodist Church, located at 615 Main Ave. SW.

Hosted by the Central Alabama Area Team of Operation Christmas Child, the workshops will equip project leaders and community members with tools and resources to support the 2025 shoebox drive. Attendees can expect free shoeboxes, snacks, door prizes and even the chance to secure early reservations to serve at a processing center.

"While billed for Project Leaders, those people in churches or groups who head up the shoebox effort for their organization, the workshops are actually open to everyone," said Francie Smith, volunteer regional area coordinator for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

"This is an opportunity to learn more about the ministry of Operation Christmas Child, find out anything new for 2025, ask questions and enjoy snacks, win door prizes, receive free shoeboxes and have a fun time."

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies and personal care items and delivers them to children in need around the world, with the goal of showing God's love in a very real way.

Since 1993, more than 232 million shoeboxes have been distributed in over 170 countries and territories.

For many children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. In 2025, Operation Christmas Child aims to reach 12.6 million children worldwide.

This year's National Collection Week is set for Nov. 17–24, when Samaritan's Purse will gather gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations across all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

In addition to the Cullman event, workshops are also scheduled for:

- Sept. 6, 10 a.m.–noon at Walker County Baptist Association Office, 230 N. Walston Bridge Road, Jasper, AL, 35504
  - Host - Jo Thomason, rthomason0848@charter.net, 205-300-1194
- Sept. 21, 2–4 p.m. at Lester Memorial Methodist Church, 108 Third Ave. E., Oneonta, AL 35121
  - Host - Marla Smith, emnm@otelco.net, 205-542-2419

For more information or to RSVP, contact the event host listed for your location. For the Cullman workshop, reach out to Margie Belleson at mbelleson@gmail.com or 650-773-7419.

Panel (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Young Professionals Entrepreneur Panel on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cullman Area Chamber. Presented by Hawkins Medical & Wellness, the panel aims to provide young and upcoming professionals with the opportunity to learn directly from local business owners. The event is free and open to ages 21–40. Refreshments will be provided.

The panel will feature local entrepreneurs Paige Clabo (Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts), Logan Brooks (Evolve Fitness), Minnie Perry (Lash Out) and Jake Burkey (Busted Knuckle Off Road). Each will share his or her personal business journey, including challenges, failures and successes, and offer advice for those considering launching a business. The program will also include moderated questions and a live audience Q&A.

"This is a great opportunity for someone wanting to start a business in our community to hear firsthand from four successful small business owners," said Katie Walker, director of events & communication for the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. "They'll get to hear just what type of grit it takes to put yourself out there and just how much the risks are worth it!"

For more information, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org. The Chamber is located at 301 Second Ave. SW in Cullman.





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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

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

DONE THIS 12th DAY OF August, 2025.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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

Jerry L. Kilgo
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413 1st Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
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a minor, DOB: 07-17-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

JOHN ETHAN GOREE, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on July 17, 2023, to Brittany Cheyenne Loyd aka Brittany Cheyenne Goree aka Brittany Cheyenne Pope by the 2nd day of October, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 20th day of August, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Primary Water Transmission Pipeline Replacement Project

Monday, September 29, 2025
5:00 p.m.

The City of Cullman, Alabama will hold a public meeting concerning a proposed domestic water distribution system improvements project, identified in the 2022 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Application.

The project is intended for replacement of the existing transmission pipeline from the water treatment plant property to 1st Avenue SE in downtown Cullman. Completion of this project will enable the City to continue to provide reliable and quality water service to its distribution system in accordance with their NPDES permit.

Documents related to the project will be available for review in the Cullman City Hall, located at 204 2nd Avenue Northeast. Representatives of the City will be present at the meeting to explain the intent of the project and answer questions regarding the proposed system improvements.

The meeting will be held at the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium, City Hall, 204 2nd Avenue Northeast, at 5:00 PM, Monday, September 29, 2025. Project plans and specifications will be submitted for review by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

All persons affected by the project are invited to attend the meeting to obtain information and to express their concerns. Written statements may be submitted prior to the meeting to Mr. Wesley Moore, City Clerk, City of Cullman, P.O. Box 278, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

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SAMPLE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given

that Advanced Roofing Solutions, LLC
(*Contractor Company Name*)
Contractor, has completed the Contract for ~~☐(Construction) ☐(Renovation) ☐(Alteration) ☐(Equipment) ☐(Improvement) of~~ (*Name of Project*):
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Advanced Roofing Solutions, LLC
(Contractor)

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(Business Address)

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Charles Overby to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns dated October 16, 2021; said mortgage being recorded on November 2, 2021 in Deed Book 1988, Page 185, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2118, Page 590, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 2, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Said property is commonly known as **2676 County Road 1117, Vinemont, AL 35179**.

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

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

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

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 25-07312AL
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
K.F.N., * CASE NO.: JU 23-108.05
a minor, DOB: 04-02-2013. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

The unknown father of the above child born to Bethany Ellen Rigney aka Bethany Ellen Screws on April 2, 2013, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources by the 4th day of October, 2025, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 27th day of August 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GARY DUEL WALDREP, II., CASE NO.: PC2025-319

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GARY DUEL WALDREP, SR., as Personal Representative of the Estate of GARY DUEL WALDREP, II., deceased, on the 29th day of August, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Gary Duel Waldrep, Sr.
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC.
206 Nineth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Al. 35055

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

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JASSON ANDREW THOMAS and BRANDY MARCELLA THOMAS.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER of M.C.M., DOB 01/23/2017

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.C.M., a minor child born January 23, 2017, to Olivia Martin was filed on the 20th day of August, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Jasson Andrew Thomas and Brandy Marcella Thomas. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 29th day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-024

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF MATTHEW BRIAN BAILEY and NATASHA NICOLE BAILEY.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER of E.B., DOB 11/01/2024

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of E.B., a minor child born November 1, 2024, to Tiffany Renee Blackerby was filed on the 14th day of August, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Matthew Brian Bailey and Natasha Nicole Bailey. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioners, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 19th day of August, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KENNETH LANE JACKSON, * CASE NO.: PC2025-239
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jeraldine Jackson, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Kenneth Lane Jackson, deceased, on the 19th day of August 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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.

Jeraldine Jackson
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

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

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — This September, throughout Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, the Alabama Department of Mental Health and statewide partners unite in strength, dignity, hope and purpose to save lives — raising awareness of suicide risk, promoting evidence-based care and sharing messages of hope and resilience.

The most direct way to access help in a suicidal crisis is to contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, an immediate connection to compassionate and accessible care. Since July 2022, more than 132,000 Alabamians have contacted 988 in moments of crisis. 988 has become an integral part of the state's mental health response.

"Every day, ADMH is building a stronger, more connected system of care, with a mission to save lives in our state.

The Alabama System of Care ensures individuals in crisis have immediate access to help and that no one in a community is left behind," said ADMH Commissioner Kimberly Boswell.

Through the Alabama Crisis System of Care, resources like regional crisis centers and mobile crisis teams bring help closer to home.

Reaching people where they are does not only mean having access to services, but it also means sparking conversations in communities. This September, Project Zero Suicide, facilitated by VitAL, presents town hall meetings in Marion, Winston, Cullman and Clay counties.

These events create safe spaces to discuss mental health, teach suicide warning signs, and can offer Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) — a two-day, evidence-based course on responding to suicidal ideation.

Another provider initiative is "R U OK? Day," led by the Council on Substance Abuse (COSA). The campaign encourages people to reach out, check in, and talk to each other to help navigate difficult times. It's a simple reminder that asking someone, "Are you okay?" can be the first step in saving a life.

Throughout Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, ADMH urges all Alabamians to foster a culture of openness and support. By initiating conversations and sharing information, everyone can have a role in the prevention of suicide.

Q-Tip (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Q-Tip is a domestic shorthair kitty, approximately 5 years old, with a heart as gentle as his name suggests. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

This friendly fellow loves to cuddle and is always curious about what you're up to. One of his favorite pastimes is exploring the cat tower, but what really sets him apart is his peaceful demeanor.

Q-Tip is the perfect candidate for a companion, therapy or reading cat as his calm presence offers comfort in a busy world. Looking for comfort? Q-Tip has you covered.

One shelter staffer stated, "I just love his calm attitude, as the busy world flies by!"

As he is already neutered, his adoption fee has been reduced to just $35, though his worth is immeasurable. That fee covers vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Q-Tip has already found his forever home, please take time to meet his friends who are still waiting for families of their own.

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

Luncheon (from Front)

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce has set its September Community Luncheon for Friday, Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at All Steak Restaurant. The program, sponsored by Cullman Electric Cooperative, will feature Harmony Heard, executive director of the Cullman County Tourism Bureau, who will discuss the critical role tourism plays in supporting Cullman's economy and community. Tickets for the luncheon are $25 for Chamber members and $30 for non-members.

"Participants will gain an inside look at how tourism operates in Cullman," Heard said. "The presentation will cover how a destination organization works, the role of the Cullman County Tourism Bureau, the impact of tourism on local businesses and the economy and how marketing and sales efforts bring visitors here. It will also highlight Cullman's festivals, attractions and experiences that make our community such a desirable destination."

Heard's experience in the tourism industry gives her a unique perspective on these topics. As the county's tourism director, Heard oversees Cullman's marketing and promotional efforts and has elevated the community's profile statewide. She was recently honored as the Tourism Industry Employee of the Year at the 2025 Alabama Governor's Conference on Tourism. She will soon be inducted into the Alabama Travel Council, ensuring Cullman's voice is represented at the state level.

While her role often focuses on bringing visitors in, Heard emphasized that the benefits of tourism extend outward to every part of the Cullman community. "Tourism is one of Cullman's most powerful economic drivers and many people don't realize just how much visitor spending supports local jobs, small businesses and community projects," she said. "This luncheon is a chance to see those connections clearly: how a family visiting for a tournament, a couple coming for a weekend getaway or friends attending a festival all contribute to Cullman's growth and vitality."

Registration is available at https://business.cullmanchamber.org/events/details/september-community-luncheon-tourism-23250.

For more information, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org. The All Steak Restaurant is located at 323 Third Ave. SE, Cullman.

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*Winners do not have to be present at time of drawing. Bill credit prizes will be five $100, four $250, and one $500. Members can register and vote by mail or at the meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 from 9am until 11am.

Cullman Electric Cooperative

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 5

AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of One One Two Two, LLC zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #23-04-20-0-004-006.000, PIN #26999 be rezoned to R-2 Medium Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   ALL THAT PART OF THE NW ¼ OF THE SE ¼ OF SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID FORTY WITH THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF HOPEWELL ROAD NE; THENCE DUE EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE 591.19 FEET TO AN EXISTING CONCRETE MONUMENT; THENCE DUE SOUT 255.11 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF A STREET; THENCE SOUTH 81°05'38" WEST ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID STREET AND THE NORTH LINE OF BLOCK 1 OF THE STYLES SUBDIVISON 549.97 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF HOPEWELL ROAD NE; THENCE NORTH 09°13'12" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 247.72 FEET; THENCE NORTH 04°52'32" WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 96 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 3.92 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
   SOURCE OF TITLE: DEED BOOK 493. PAGE 536.

   THE ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY IS 518 HOPEWELL ROAD NE, HANCEVILLE, AL 35077.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.
3. That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 14th day of August 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
4. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.
5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans, and any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.
7. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described property is now zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.
8. This ordinance adopted this the 14th day of August, 2025, shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Mayor Jim Sawyer

ATTEST: Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 4

AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals, and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed, and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Burton Properties zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #23-05-21-0-044-005.000, PIN #22973 be rezoned to R-3 High Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   LOT NO. 18, AND 35 FEET EVENLY OFF THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT NO. 17, OF BLOCK NO. 18 IN THE TOWNSITE OF GILMORE, ALABAMA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF SAID TOWNSITE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, SAID PROPERTY BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 18, OF BLOCK 18, WHICH POINT IS ALSO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 18, AND GO NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINES OF LOT 18 AND LOT 17 A DISTANCE OF 85 FEET; THENCE GO WEST, ON A LINE PARALLEL TO AND 85 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK 18, A DISTANCE OF 150 FEET, TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID BLOCK 17 IN BLOCK 18; THENCE GO SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINES OF LOT 17 AND LOT 18 TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 18; THENCE TO EAST 150 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.
3. That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 14th day of August 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
4. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.
5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans, and any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.
7. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described property is now zoned R-3 High Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.
8. This ordinance adopted this the 8th day of August, 2025, shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Mayor Jim Sawyer

ATTEST: Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk



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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 2-3

Gary Edward Holland, M.D., 62 Gary Edward Holland, M.D., a beloved physician, son, father, grandfather, brother, significant other, and friend, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on August 26, 2025, at the age of 62. Born on April 11, 1963, in Birmingham, Alabama to Glen and Nancy Holland, Dr. Holland lived a life defined by hard work, dedication, and a resolute commitment to serving others. Raised in Hueytown, Alabama; Dr. Holland graduated from Hueytown High School in 1981. He knew at a young age he wanted to serve others in the medical field. As the first member of his family to attend college, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1985. Accepted into the first medical school he applied to, he went on to graduate from the University of Alabama Medical School in 1989. Dr. Holland's journey into medicine was marked by a calling to heal and uplift those around him. In 1992, Dr. Holland moved to Cullman, Alabama to join Cullman Internal Medicine where he began a 33+ year career serving as a physician for the Cullman community. He left CIM in 2007 to serve at Urgent Care Center as co-owner through 2019. During his tenure at CIM and UCC, Dr. Holland also devoted himself to Addiction Medicine helping individuals battling opioid addiction find hope and recovery. He served the remainder of his career working full-time as a Medical Director of suboxone treatment centers in the Cullman area. His work was more than a profession—it was a mission to restore lives. Not only was Dr. Holland known for treating every patient with the dignity and respect they deserved, but also, he'll forever be remembered by his charismatic wit and genuine compassion for those who sought his care. Beyond his medical practice, Dr. Holland was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide football fan. He rarely missed a game and shared his love for the Tide (and disdain for a certain college) with family, friends and everyone he encountered. He cherished time spent with his children, especially grilling the perfect filet tenderloin for family gatherings – a tradition his family plans to continue. Among his favorite pastimes were excursions to historical sites across the country, visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Colorado, lunches with Theta Chi brothers, and workouts with the boys. Dr. Holland also loved playing golf with his brother, Kevin, and children, finding laughter and connection on the fairways. His faith was a cornerstone of his life, and as a devout member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cullman, he lived his values of kindness and service daily. Most importantly, Dr. Holland's strength and fortitude rise above all to those who knew him and his story. His ability to face the adversity of glioblastoma without a single complaint or falter will remain an inspiration, and his unwavering faith and perseverance will serve as a model for generations to come. Dr. Holland was preceded in death by his father; Glen Holland and brother; Colonel Gregory Holland. He is survived by his two sons, Taylor Holland and Nick Holland; daughter, Bailey Holland Baker (Brett); loving Mother, Nancy Smith Holland; his brother Kevin Holland (Sandra); sister-in-law Dawn Holland; significant other Alison McGriff; step-children Dylan Smith, Graysen Smith (Ashley), Gregory Smith (Rachel), Morgan Smith and many loving step-grandchildren; Marissa Wilhite, Landen Smith, Roman Smith, Masen and Halle Smith, Jamison and Quinley Smith. A visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Wednesday September 3, 2025, from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. A mass service will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Thursday September 4, 2025, at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Dr. Gary Holland Memorial Fund. All contributions will be utilized for charitable actions distributed through the future Holland Hope Organization, a vision of cultivating inspirational change in the community through passionately caring for and serving others. Link to the memorial fund: https://gofund.me/1409eb73 Checks can be made payable to the Dr. Gary Holland Memorial Fund. Mailing Address: 3896 Overton Manor Trl, Birmingham, AL 35243. Gary Edward Holland, M.D., leaves behind a world made better by his care and laughter. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered.

Jammie Lance Speegle, 55 Funeral services for Jammie Lance Speegle, 55, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m., Friday September 5, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Brooklyn Cemetery, Rev. Larry Duke officiating. The family will receive friends from 12-2 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Speegle was born on August 19, 1970, to James H. and Linda Gail Benefield Speegle. Jammie loved buying and collecting antiques, especially trading cards. He loved his dogs and worked hard when he was able to. Mr. Speegle was preceded in death by his mother. Survivors include his father; son, Tyler Speegle; mother of his son, Lisa Jackson Mackentepe; sister, Anna (Wesley) Lawler; niece and nephew, Elijah Lawler and Sadie Lawler; and a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Elijah Lawler, Richard Jones, Clint Jones, Dusty Thomas, Nathan Hardyman and Kenny Benefield.

Shirley Louise Smith, 89 Funeral services for Shirley Louise Smith, 89, of Vinemont, will be at 12 p.m., Thursday September 4, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens, Bro. Steve Rodgers and Jeff Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Smith was born on April 12, 1936, to William D. and Florence Irene Bish Stephens. Shirley was a loving, Christian lady and a longtime member of Center Grove Baptist Church. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her grandchildren, Lori Heather Smith and Michael Allen Smith; her parents; husband, Orval Smith; son, Michael Leroy Smith; daughter-in-law, Angela Smith. Survivors include her sons, Steven Smith, Jeffery (Kathy) Smith, Eric (Pamela) Smith; sisters, Judith Ann Brock; step-sister, Kay (Dale) Kerby; numerous grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of family and friends.

Robert 'Bobby' Yearwood, 68 Memorial services for Robert "Bobby" Yearwood, 68, of Cullman, will be from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Sunday September 21, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Hollis Gardner and Heath Yearwood officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Yearwood was born on September 21, 1956, to Forrest and Mandy Hester Cofer Yearwood. Bobby proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Ann Wells and Cindy Yearwood. Survivors include his companion, Tammy Philyaw McAlpine; brothers, James Yearwood, Roger (Marcia) Yearwood, Carlton (Jeanmarie) Yearwood, Leo (Debbie) Yearwood; sisters, Mary Lee Yearwood Gibson (Tommy Luker), Betty (Rickey) Weissend; brother-in-law, Gerald Wells; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your favorite charity.

Larrell Lavone Hill, 80 Graveside services for Larrell Lavone Hill, 80, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Monday September 8, 2025, at Welcome Baptist Cemetery, Bro. Steve Rodgers and Bro. Carl Malin officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 9:30-10:30am before the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Hill was born on November 27, 1944, to Melvin and Rosetta Hill. Larrell was known as the "Shoeshine Man" in Cullman. He worked for Sundrop Co. and on the construction crew that helped build the Cullman Co. Courthouse. Mr. Hill was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Edna Lois Pierce Hill; brother, Buford Dwayne Hill. Survivors include his daughter, Daphne (Tim) Riggs, grandchildren, Ryan McDugald (Kimberly Ruddick) of UK, Aaron (Kayla) McDugald; great-grandson, Preston Jason Paul Ruddick; first cousin, Nell Barbee; second cousin, Donna Lott; and a host of family and friends.

Billie Faye Woods, 87 A Graveside Service for Billie Faye Woods, age 87 of Vinemont, will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Friendship Methodist Cemetery, burial at Friendship Methodist Cemetery. Mrs. Woods passed away on Sunday, August 31, 2025, at Her Cullman Regional. She was born Thursday, October 7, 1937, to Paul Caudle and Stella Caudle. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Alwin Don Woods. She is survived by her two sons, Donnie (Sheila) Woods and Shane (Veronica) Woods; grandchildren, Jason Woods, Joey (Robin) Woods, Kannan (Lisa) Woods, Orey (Savannah) Woods and Maddie Woods; great grandchildren, Kylie Kaucher, Colton Woods, Kamdyn Woods, Avery Woods, Kayden Smith and Riker Cole.

Edward Harlow McDonald, Jr., 53 Edward McDonald, Jr., age 53 of Vinemont, passed away on Monday, September 1, 2025, at Cullman Health & Rehab Center. He was born March 14, 1972, to Edward McDonald and Jenny Crone McDonald. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Victoria McDonald. Survivors include his sisters, Eugenia (Tony) Vargas, Brenda Zahradnik and Michelle Tate and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Candy Atchley, 65 A memorial service for Candy Atchley, 65, of Guntersville will be 2 p.m. Friday, September 5, at Cold Springs Baptist Church. Ms. Atchley was born January 27, 1960, in Cullman County, Alabama. She passed away August 31, 2025, in Marshall County, Alabama.

Virginia Faye Hulslander, 82 Virginia Faye Dees Hulslander, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on August 31st, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Myeloma. She was in her beloved home surrounded by her loving family at the time of her passing. Born on June 3, 1943, in Birmingham, Alabama, to the late Loyd and Eunice Dees, she spent her childhood in Cold Springs, Alabama. In 1959 she married her first love, Sonny Waddle, with whom she shared her 3 children. In 1983 she married the love of her life, Tommy Hulslander, with whom she shared 30 happy years before losing him. She retired from Vanity Fair in Hanceville, AL. She was a member of Seventh Street Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama. Even through her prolonged illness, Faye never lost her unwavering kindness or her deep love for her family. Her faith never wavered. She taught us the meaning of strength and grace. Her legacy will live on in our hearts forever. She is survived by her loving children, Marty (Sandy) Waddle and Lisa (James) Williams; her grandchildren, Angela White, Adam Waddle, Blake Waddle, Kelsey Thomas, Cameron Waddle, and Austin Williams; her great-grandchildren, Ethain White, Karly Waddle, Aubrey White, Brandt Waddle, Lila Waddle, Grayson Thomas, and Hadley Thomas; her brother Kenneth (Jen) Dees; her sister Gail (Albert) Cone; and a host of many other loving family and friends. Faye is preceded in death by her parents Loyd and Eunice Dees; her beloved husband Tommy Hulslander; and her daughter, Connie Smith, who she lost much too soon. No memorial service is planned at this time.

John D. Morrow, 83 Memorial service for John D. Morrow, age 83, of Crane Hill, will be Saturday, September 13, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Morrow was born to John and Rena Mae Cutshaw Morrow on September 30, 1941, in Greenville, Tennessee. He passed away Thursday, August 28, 2025, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Jody Morrow. He is survived by his wife, Heather Kashuba; children, Serena Morrow Loveday, Nevaeh Golden, Greg Morrow (Tina), Brayden Jones, Kabri Smith; grandchildren, Danielle Briggs (Cliff), Ricky Loveday (Kaydence), John Morrow (Kasie), Brandi Hardin (John), Brandon Garber (Elizabeth); great-grandchildren, Kamdyn Briggs, Mackenzie Briggs, Hadilee Briggs, Ryker Loveday, Edith Morrow, Kylinn Davis, Aivery Hardin, Lainey Hardin, Bryson Garber, Bennett Garber, Brody Garber, and Esmeralda Garber. John will forever be remembered as a hardworking man with a heart of gold, who loved his family dearly.

Lowell Eugene 'Gene' Hall, 76 Lowell Eugene "Gene" Hall age 76, of Hanceville passed away Saturday August 30, 2025, at Brookwood Medical Center. Gene was born on September 3, 1948, in Blount County, AL the son of Lowell Clarence Hall and Ethel Irene Underwood Hall. He was a 1967 graduate of Susan Moore High School. He retired after a long career as an aircraft mechanic with Pemco. He is survived by his significant other with whom he shared almost 33 years, Joyce Corbin; son: Patrick Hall; daughter: ReBecca (Shane) Cochran; brothers: Randy (Sarah) Hall, Bruce (Paula) Hall, Steve (Cindy) Hall and Byron (Sherrie) Hall; sister: Martha (Gary) Puckett; 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents: Lowell Clarence and Ethel Irene Hall and Daughter in law: Susan Hall. Funeral Service will be held on Saturday September 6, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Blountsville Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Scott Lucas, Matthew Lucas, Corbin Lucas, Jayke Cochran, Brad Culbertson and Timmy Griffin. Honorary will be: Randy Hall, Bruce Hall, Steve Hall, Byron Hall, Gary Puckett and Blake Rich.

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