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Hanceville man sentenced to 25 years for robbery

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Hanceville man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison after pleading guilty to first-degree robbery. David Justin Farley, 49, was sentenced on Thursday, Sept. 17, by Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Emily Johnston.

According to court records, Farley has » PAGE 2



CULLMAN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHAMP CROCKER

David Justin Farley

Fortenberry Farms wins Best Appetizer Award at Taste of Northeast Alabama



JOYCE NIX

Deborah Hawkin and Scott Elkins with The Venue of Gadsden present Jacob and Brian Fortenberry with the Best Appetizer Award at Taste of Northeast Alabama, which was held Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025.

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Brian and Jacob Fortenberry of Fortenberry Farms in Cullman, Alabama, earned top honors at Taste of Northeast Alabama on Tuesday, Sept. 16, winning the Best Appetizer Award for their smoked bologna chunks seasoned with their special Butt Rub blend and tossed in their signature Peach Sweet Heat barbecue sauce. The event was held at The Venue at Coosa Landing in Gadsden and benefited Altrusa of Gadsden, a service organization dedicated to supporting local nonprofits.

The Fortenberrys are no strangers to festivals and markets — regularly showcasing their flavors at St. Bernard Prep School's Bloomin' Festival and Bernard Blues and BBQ in Cullman.

Their winning appetizer drew praise from the evening's judges, which included Eli Gold, legendary American sportscaster; Greg Seitz, vice president for athletics at Jacksonville State University; and Ken Bodiford, director of music at Jacksonville State.

The annual tasting event is a highlight on the Neely Henry Lake region's calendar, drawing more than 40 restaurants, caterers and food vendors, along with 400 guests from across northeast Alabama.

Alongside Fortenberry Farms' win, Classic Creations Catering in conjunction with Main Street Italian Bistro in Springville, Alabama, took home awards for both the Entrée category and the People's Choice Award.

The Best Dessert Award went to The Candy Factory Bakery of Gadsden.

Supporters strolled from booth to booth, sampling the best flavors the region has to offer — all while helping raise funds for area nonprofits.

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Vinemont man arrested in connection with incident on CR 1101



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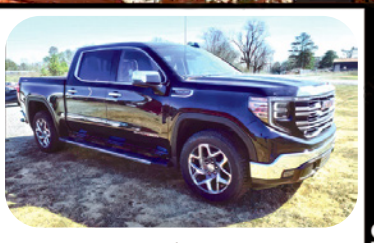
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 19

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 19, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 15
- domestic violence; CR 573
- harassment; CR 222
- harassment; CR 255
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 531

Sept. 16
- assault; CR 1570
- possession of controlled substance; I65NB MM292
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 616
- burglary; Schwaiger Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1570
- domestic violence; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- theft of property; Edmondson Rd. NE
- domestic violence – menacing; US. 31

Sept. 17
- possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of dangerous drugs; I65NB MM310
- domestic violence; CR 735
- theft of property; CR 732
- menacing; reckless endangerment; CR 1101
- harassing communications; CR 469
- criminal littering; harassment; CR 1719
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1147

ARRESTS

Sept. 15-17

Anderson, Anthony L.; 38
- burglary-non-residence-no force

Baker, David N.; 56
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Blackstock, William B.; 66
- sex offense-rape-strong arm
- sex offense-sodomy-with a girl-strong arm

Bolyard, Dakota M.; 29
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous

Esposito, Jan M.; 45
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (4 counts)

Gamel, Christopher L.; 37
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – sexual abuse-1st degree

Hayes, Matthew S.; 39
- public intoxication

Hunter, Johnny R.; 34
- GJ – destruction of property by prisoner

Martin, Jacob L.; 29
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Martinez, Angel; 31
- assault-domestic violence-2nd degree – intimidating a witness
- assault-domestic-menacing-knife

McKee, Kimberly S.; 50
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Moore, Christina J.; 48
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – assault-2nd degree

Murphey, Aaron D.; 29
- FTA – criminal mischief - damage to private property
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – resisting arrest

Odom, Jr., Michael D.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine

Owens, Kodey A.; 31
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous
- GJ – criminal mischief-damage to private property

Peoples, Melissa G.; 44
- FTA – driving without license

Pigg, Zackary S.; 38
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Quakenbush, Charles S.; 38
- burglary-residence-no force

Reynolds, Joshua R.; 22
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Roberts, Jason K.; 39
- permitting dogs to run at large

Rush, Danah L.; 27
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Sloan, James C.; 63
- reckless endangerment
- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- attempting to elude a police officer

Smallwood, Eric W.; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Steele, Phillip A.; 27
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Webb, Jordan A.; 20
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

White, Bobby A.; 41
- burglary-non-residence-no force

Williams, Dillon F.; 28
- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 12
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $51; Olive St. SW

Sept. 16
- harassment; person; Pine Cir. SE

Sept. 17
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Wildwood St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; cash; Olive St. SW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; theft of property-4th degree; person; cash

Sept. 18
- forgery-3rd degree; theft of property-1st degree; person; forged check
- criminal mischief-1st degree; The Reserve at Wynwood; damaged property; $2,500; Donauer Dr. SW
- harassment; person; Oakmont Dr. SE

ARRESTS

Sept. 17-18

Grove, Andrew J.; 28
- FTA – public intoxication

Esposito, Jan M.; 45
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA – open container in vehicle
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Salas, Luciana; 34
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Phillips, Rodney J.; 45
- menacing

Patterson, Christopher F.; 57
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- theft of property-4th degree
- financial exploitation of elderly-3rd degree
- resisting arrest

Najmeh, Matthew J.; 19
- disorderly conduct

Washburn, Johnny T.; 18
- DUI

Payne, Steve L.; 52
- DUI

Self, Jordon D.; 30
- theft of property-4th degree

Knudtson, Erik S.; 40
- public intoxication

Moreno, Mawavea N.; 33
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – speeding
- FTA – fail to yield
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – fail to register vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Robbery (from Front)

two prior felony convictions.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, in a Facebook post, said, "Earlier today David Justin Farley pleaded guilty to a January 4, 2023 robbery that occurred on County Road 626 in Cullman County. Circuit Judge Emily Niezer Johnston sentenced Farley to 25 years in prison.

"I want to thank the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for making a strong case for us to prosecute. I also want to thank Angela Harris, mother of Aniah Blanchard, who worked tirelessly to pass Aniah's Law which had just taken effect before this offense, and which we used to hold this offender without bail on my first day in office on January 17, 2023. Justice was done today."

Court records show Farley was indicted back on May 4, 2023, and that he was armed with a firearm when he stole a 2001 Dodge Durango from the victim.

Background: www.cullmantribune.com/2023/01/20/martin-farley-denied-bail-under-aniahs-law

Court records show Farley's co-defendant, Tabatha Leal Danine Martin, 40, of Hanceville, remains in jail.

Incident (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office has made an arrest in connection with the shots-fired incident reported on Thursday, Sept. 17, on County Road 1101. James Clarence Sloan, 63, of Vinemont, was taken into custody and remains at the Cullman County Detention Center.

The CCSO said deputies responded to reports that a person discharged a firearm in the direction of Cullman County Road Department employees as they were performing maintenance work. Upon arrival, deputies allegedly observed Sloan attempting to flee the scene in a vehicle.

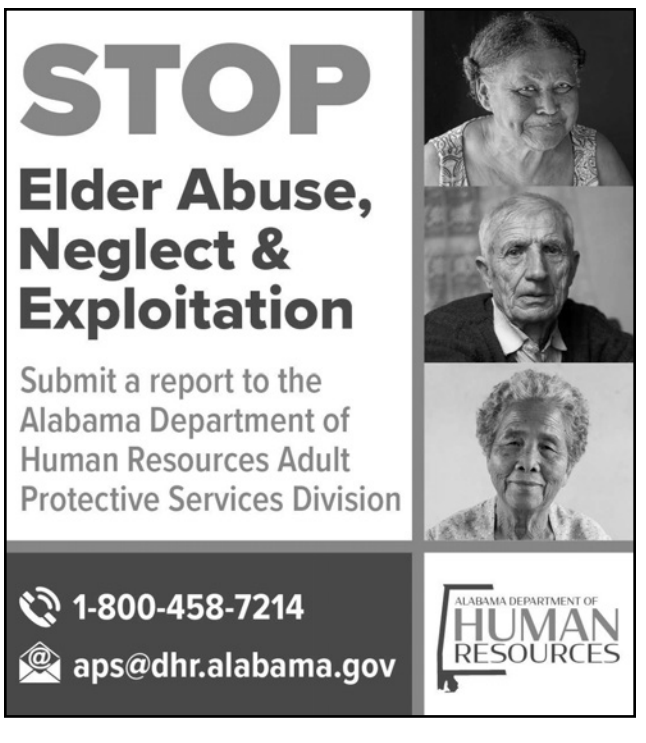
He was quickly stopped and detained. Sloan was also allegedly found to be in possession of marijuana.

Sloan has been charged with reckless endangerment, menacing, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest and attempting to elude law enforcement.

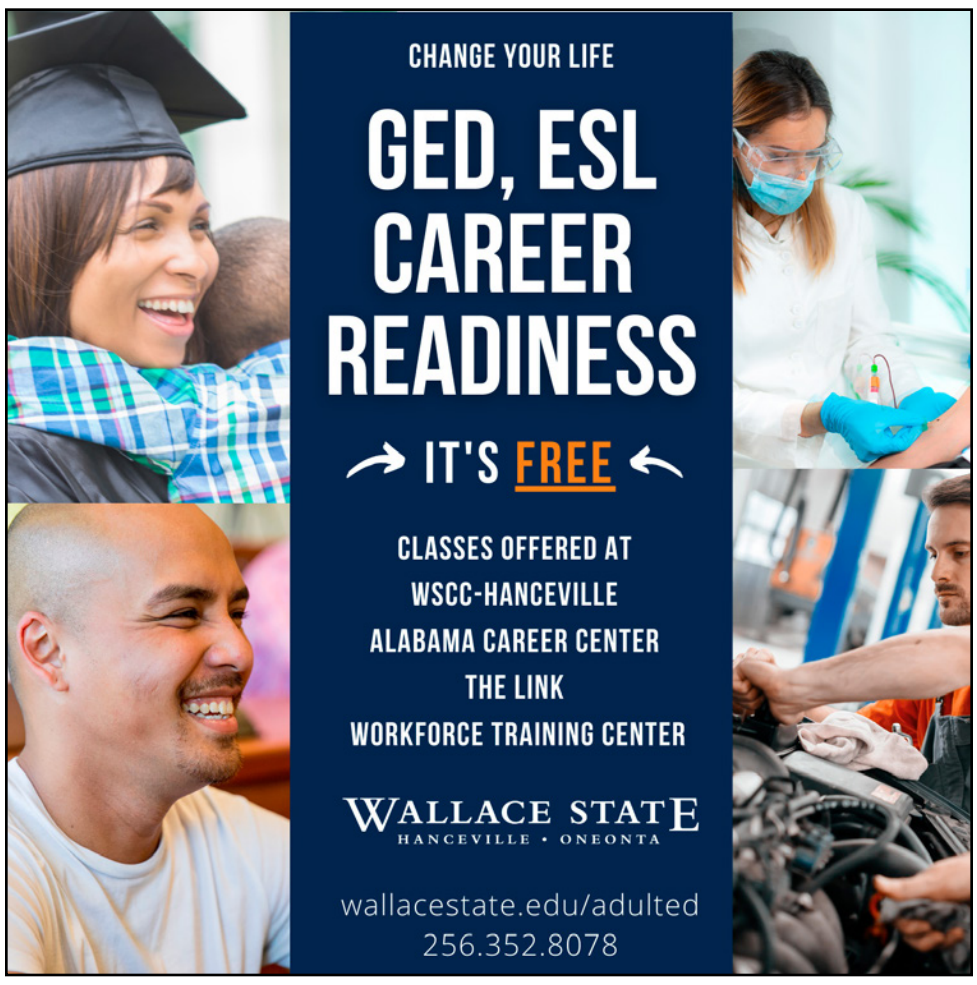
The CCSO said it would like to thank deputies for their swift response and dedication to ensuring public safety.

No injuries were reported.









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UA announces summer 2025 area graduates, Dean's and President's Lists

Stephanie Pettis
University of Alabama

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Over 1,300 degrees were awarded during The University of Alabama's summer 2025 commencement at Coleman Coliseum on Aug. 2.

Local students include:
• Nikki Burgos of Vinemont: Educational Specialist
• Brennen Norton of Cullman: Bachelor of Arts
• Lisa Phillips of Baileyton: Educational Specialist
• Daniel Roberts of Vinemont: Bachelor of Arts
• Danielle Tubbs of Baileyton: Bachelor of Science in Commerce & Business Administration

Dean's, President's Lists students named
A total of 473 students enrolled during summer semester 2025 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Local students include:
• Kaylee Windsor of Cullman was named to the Dean's List

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

It's Cheeseball Time Again!
Grace Episcopal Church Women are currently taking orders for their 37th annual Cheeseball Sale. Please go to www.gracecullman.org and place your order by Oct. 5, 2025. We have eight delicious flavors to choose from, and your order will be available for pick up on Thursday, Nov. 20, just in time for the holidays. Proceeds go to support local outreach projects including Committee on Church Cooperation, The Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Pilot Light Home, Cullman Caring for Kids and Hope Horses.

The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Saturday, Sept. 20 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Sept. 21 – 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. 5 p.m. healing 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. Remaining date:
• 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
• 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.
• Wed, Oct. 1, noon-1 p.m., Lunch and Learn - Exploring Alabama's Wild Places... Enjoy—Value—Protect. Meet Heather Tucker, the new E.D. for Wild Alabama. She will guide us through the conservation history of this organization, while giving us tips on exploring the Bankhead and Talladega National Forests.
• Thursday, Oct. 2, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary — History of Food. Explore the traditional foodways of the Cherokee, their sustainable growing practices and how food connects to their identity and community. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
• Thursday, Oct. 2, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary — All the Ologies - Entomology. Welcome to the world of insects! Gain a deeper understanding of these fascinating creatures and their importance to the environment. $15 fee. $30 max per family.
• Friday, Oct. 3, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — The Turnip. 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 per child, max $16 per family.
• Saturday, Oct. 4, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club — Creepy Crawlies. First you'll squirm, then you'll smile. Come see all the cool, creepy creatures that help our Ecosystems. Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
• Monday, Oct. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills - Sewing. If you couldn't attend the previous classes, it's not too late! Join us to learn valuable tips, tricks and insights from seasoned sewers. Each class will provide skill instruction and feature a project to apply those skills. Participants must bring a full-size sewing machine. Youth, ages 10 & up must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $20 fee.
• Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes - Family Pumpkin Glow. Bring your family for fall treats, pumpkin carving and tales around the bonfire. $30 family fee, includes one pumpkin. $10 per additional pumpkins.
• Thursday, Oct. 16, 6 p.m., Military Veteran & Beginning Farmer — Farm Demo Day. Visit one of our local farmers to see best ag practices with Brandon and Amy Hines.

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.

Pilot Club of Cullman Fall Vendor Market
Saturday, Sept. 20, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center, with free admission.

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.

28th Annual Falkville Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 11, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in downtown Falkville. Color Me Downtown 5K run and walk, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, kids' activities, pancake breakfast, live entertainment, tractor show/parade. For more information, go to www.Falkville.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Community Fall Festival
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! For more information, contact St. Paul's Lutheran School at 256-734-6580.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing before the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County Commission Office, Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, October 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. to receive comment on closing a portion of County Road 406, more particularly described as the following:

COMMENCE AT A CAPPED REBAR BEING THE SW CORNER OF THE NE QUARTER OF THE SW QUARTER OF SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 10S, RANGE 4W AND RUN N 00.34'00" E FOR 1182.81 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR, THENCE N 89.53'29" E FOR 396.14 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR, THENCE N 00.27'27" E FOR 330.46 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR, THENCE N 89.44'04" E FOR 945.15 FEET TO A CAPPED REBAR, THENCE S 00.24'31" W FOR 55.92 FEET TO A NAIL IN ASPHALT AND POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S 20.37'05" W 279.42 ALONG THE CENTER OF AN EXISTING 40 FEET WIDE ROW, LENGTHENING AND SHORTENING EAST AND WEST BOUNDARIES OF ROW AS NECESSARY.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Holly Pond topples Vinemont 3-1 for area win

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Broncos hosted the Vinemont Lady Eagles for a big area match on Dwayne Adams Court at Felton Easterwood Gymnasium Thursday night and the Broncos collected a big area win. Vinemont held a 1-0 lead after the first set, but Holly Pond rallied to win the next three sets to take the match 3-1. Holly Pond and Vinemont are now tied atop the Area 11 standings.

Holly Pond 3 - Vinemont 1 (18-25, 25-22, 25-16, 25-19)

Vinemont jumped out to a quick 10-5 lead in the first set and quickly stretched their lead to 18-9. The Lady Eagles held a 21-11 lead late in the first set. Holly Pond, though, scored the next six points to cut it to 21-17. The Lady Broncos later made it 23-18, but Vinemont scored the final two points to take the opening set 25-18.

Vinemont got out to an early 4-1 lead in the second set and increased their lead to 7-3, but Holly Pond went on a 5-0 run to take an 8-7 lead.

Both teams left everything out on the court in the second set, and neither team got out to a sizable lead after the Lady Eagles jumped out to the four-point lead earlier in the set.

There would be eight ties, and more than a handful of lead changes throughout the second set. Vinemont held a slim 18-17 lead. Four straight points by the Lady Broncos, though, gave them the lead right back at 21-18.

The Lady Eagles trimmed it to one at 23-22, but Holly Pond collected the final two points, as they ended up winning the second set 25-22.

Vinemont grabbed an early 7-3 lead in the third set. The Lady Broncos went on another huge run to take an 11-8 lead. The Lady Eagles cut it to 12-10, but they wouldn't get any closer than that the rest of the set, as Holly Pond quickly pushed their lead to 18-11. Vinemont did make it a 20-14 game. The Lady Broncos, though, finished with a 5-2 run and ended up winning the third set 25-16.

The fourth set started out close, as both teams found themselves tied up at five. It didn't take long for Holly Pond to break the tie, as they scored the next five points to take a 10-5 lead.

The Lady Eagles countered with a 6-1 run, as that tied things up once again at 11. Vinemont would go up 15-13, but the Lady Broncos scored the next three points to get the lead right back at 16-15.

Holly Pond widened their lead to 21-17 late in the set, and even though the Lady Eagles did cut it to 21-18, the Lady Broncos kept them at arm's length the rest of the way, as they pulled away late to win the set 25-19 and the match 3-1.



HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL

The Holly Pond Broncos defeated Vinemont in an area match 3-1 on Thursday.

WSCC VOLLEYBALL

Wallace State sweeps Snead State for 6th straight conference win

Wallace State Athletics
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Wallace State volleyball continued its dominant conference run on Wednesday night, sweeping Snead State 3-0 (25-14, 25-20, 25-22) at home to remain unbeaten in league play.

Makenzie Noles led the Lions with 14 kills, powering the offense at key moments, while Rachel Mecklenburg added 11 kills.

The Lions' back row was just as steady, with Abby McDonald collecting 21 digs and Sofiia Sobol adding 20 to keep Snead's attack in check. Setter Ali Price was once again the catalyst for the offense, finishing with 38 assists.

Head coach Randy Daniel praised the effort of his squad, highlighting several standouts. "Kenzie Noles and Abby McDonald both played well. Ali Price did a great job running the offense," Daniel said.

With the win, Wallace State improves to 16-2 overall and 6-0 in Alabama Community College Conference play, further cementing its place as one of the league's frontrunners.

The Lions now turn their attention to the annual Wallace State Fall Bash at the Cullman Omniplex. The two-day event begins Friday, with Wallace scheduled to play Bevill State at 2 p.m. and Vincennes (IN) at 6 p.m. Saturday's slate includes matchups against Itawamba (MS) at 11 a.m. and Walters State (TN) at 1 p.m.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State swept its conference matchup against Snead State Wednesday night.

Wallace State set to host Fall Bash Volleyball Tournament at Cullman Omniplex

Wallace State Athletics
WSCC

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Omniplex will be the center of junior-college volleyball this weekend as Wallace State (16-2) welcomes a strong lineup of opponents for its annual Fall Bash Tournament. The Lions will be joined by Bevill State, Vincennes (IN), Itawamba (MS), and Walters State (TN) in a two-day showcase that will feature inter-conference battles and potential postseason previews.

Wallace State Lions (16-2)

Wallace State enters the weekend as one of the hottest teams in the NJCAA. Head coach Randy Daniel has leaned on a balanced attack and the leadership of veteran players to build momentum early in the season.

- Players to watch:

o Sofiia [last name] – A go-to hitter who can take over matches with her power.

o Kenzie Noles – Another reliable offensive weapon who has delivered consistently in recent weeks.

o Ali Price – The Lions' primary setter, already racking up impressive assist totals.

o Cheyenne Lucas – Provides efficiency at the net and steady production.

Wallace has been sharp defensively as well, with Abby McDonald and others stabilizing the back row. Playing at home, the Lions will look to extend their strong start and make a statement against out-of-state challengers.

Bevill State Bears (8-7)

An in-state rival and ACCC opponent, Bevill State enters with a winning record and plenty of confidence. The Bears have shown flashes of strong attacking play and will be eager to measure themselves against Wallace on neutral courts.

- Key factor: Bevill's ability to serve aggressively and keep Wallace out of system could be the difference in a potential upset bid.

Vincennes Trailblazers (14-1)

The team with perhaps the most eye-catching record in the field, Vincennes has long been a staple among competitive Midwest programs. At 14-1, the Trailblazers arrive in Cullman with momentum and a reputation for size and athleticism at the net.

- Key factor: Expect Vincennes to rely on a balanced offense led by multiple hitters in double-digit kill averages. Their blocking game will be a major test for Wallace and Walters State.

Itawamba Indians (5-6)

At just below .500, Itawamba enters as a dangerous underdog. The Indians have played a challenging early schedule, which has prepared them for tournaments like this one.

- Key factor: Itawamba's defensive intensity. They'll need strong back-row play to slow down teams like Wallace and Vincennes. If they can extend rallies, they have the hitters to score in transition.

Walters State Senators (7-4)

A respected program from East Tennessee, Walters State brings depth and balance into the Fall Bash. Their record may not stand out as much as Vincennes or Wallace, but the Senators are known for playing disciplined volleyball and executing fundamentals.

- Key factor: Walters State often spreads its offense across multiple hitters, forcing opponents to defend the whole net. Their consistency makes them a dangerous draw.

Matchups to Watch

- Wallace State vs. Vincennes – A potential highlight match of the weekend, featuring two teams with combined records of 30-3. This could be a preview of postseason intensity.
- Bevill State vs. Itawamba – Two teams looking to find traction against regional competition. This match could be one of the most competitive of the tournament.
- Walters State vs. Wallace State – The Lions will have to stay sharp against a disciplined Walters squad that thrives on minimizing errors.

Final Word

With Wallace State carrying one of the best records in the NJCAA and Vincennes arriving with just one loss, the Fall Bash promises high-level volleyball across the board. Fans at the Cullman Omniplex can expect long rallies, hard hitting, and plenty of drama as five programs from four different states square off.



Club (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County recently revived a classic Southern tradition as part of Hunger Action Month. The Supper Club is a new initiative aimed at increasing monthly support for The Pantry at The Link.

Community members are invited to either host a small dinner fundraiser or become monthly donors to help address food insecurity in Cullman County. The goal is to fully fund The Pantry through monthly donations by the end of September.

Participants can choose from two options:

• The Host's Plate is for those who enjoy entertaining. Hosts organize a meal in their home, invite friends, and share the mission of The Pantry, encouraging guests to become donors.

• The Offering Plate is for those who prefer to give without hosting — by pledging at least $20 a month to support local families in need.

The Link says monthly contributions are vital, as grants do not fully fund The Pantry. Regular donations help cover food, storage and utility costs needed to serve hundreds of Cullman County residents each month.

Those unable to donate can support in other ways, such as volunteering during Pantry hours, hosting food drives or inviting The Link to speak at local events. The Pantry operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with evening hours available on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30-7.

From The Link's website (www.linkingcullman.org/neighborhood-resources): "The Pantry at The Link takes a neighbor's choice approach to food pantries. You will come check in, receive a shopping cart, make your selections and be on your way.

"Stop by our hospitality bar while shopping and enjoy a breakfast sandwich, fresh fruit and coffee.

"A household is eligible to receive food once per month. Individuals living unsheltered can receive food weekly.

To sign up or learn more, visit https://tinyurl.com/thesupclub, email info@linkingcullman.org or message The Link on Facebook.



THE LINK OF CULLMAN COUNTY

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Unemployment (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Secretary of Workforce Greg Reed announced Friday, Sept. 19, that "Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted August unemployment rate is 2.9%, down from July 2025's rate of 3.0%. August's rate is lower than August 2024's rate of 3.1%. The rate represents 68,191 unemployed persons, compared to 72,473 in July and 74,115 in August 2024."

Cullman County's rate is 2.4%, down from 2.5% last month and 3.2% in August 2024.

Reed said the number of people counted as employed increased by 30,242 over the year to 2,310,036.

The civilian labor force also increased over the year to 2,378,227, with 24,318 more people joining over the year.

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased by 15,400 to 2,205,700, with gains in the private education and health services sector (+5,900), the government sector (+4,000), and the manufacturing sector (+2,900), among others.

The labor force participation rate for August dropped slightly to 57.7%. The percentage of prime-age workers decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 78.3% over the month. Prime-age workers are those aged 25-54 years.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Shelby, Elmore and Blount at 2.1%; St. Clair, Morgan, Marshall, Madison, Limestone, DeKalb and Autauga at 2.2%; and Cleburne and Baldwin at 2.3%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Perry at 5.9%, Greene at 5.7% and Wilcox at 5.6%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Vestavia Hills at 1.8%; Pelham at 1.9%; and Madison, Hoover, Homewood and Alabaster at 2.0%. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Prichard at 6.2%; Selma at 4.8%; and Bessemer, Anniston and Mobile at 3.7%.

Reed aid average weekly wages increased in August to $1,117.54, its second highest level ever. This represents a yearly increase of $72.63 per week.

Additionally, both the manufacturing sector and the leisure and hospitality sector saw record high wages in August. The manufacturing sector realized a yearly increase of $84.36 per week, and the leisure and hospitality sector realized a yearly increase of $45.74 per week.

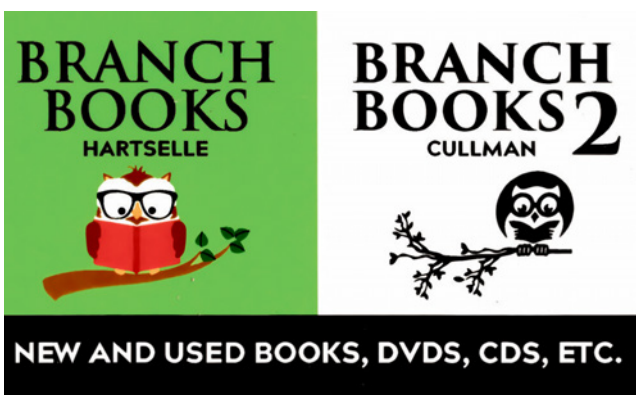
"Wage growth is always something to celebrate and is a positive indicator of economic activity," said Reed.

"I'm optimistic that these wages will continue to increase. Increased wages help drive positive growth statewide, for both employers and employees."

















Obituary Announcements: Sept. 18-19

Bernice C. Rice, 81 Graveside service for Bernice C. Rice, 81, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Monday, September 22, 2025, at Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Rice was born July 26, 1944, to Wyatt and Ester Powell McCormick. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lee Rice; son, Glenn Rice; brothers and sisters. Survivors include her brother, Billy (Patricia) Martin; sisters, Maebelle (Glenn) Lindsey; Ruby Rice (Bob) Granell; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Douglas Wayne Nix, 74 Douglas Wayne Nix, age 74 of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born February 23, 1951, to Joseph Jackson Nix and Alma Louise Tilley Nix. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was preceded in death by his parents and great grandson Kingston Burns Survivors include his wife Patricia McCay Nix; daughters, Paige (Keith) Elliott, Kristen Nix and Amanda (Ben) Elledge; sons, Michael Nix and Chad Smith; 5 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; special friends, Ralph and Hollie Gutierrez and a host of family and friends. A Graveside Service will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025, at Cullman City Cemetery.

Laura Leigh Long, 55 Funeral Service for Laura Leigh Long, age 55 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dr. Jeff Steele officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Long passed away on Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Cullman Regional. She was born, December 4, 1969, to Jerry Steven York and Linda Joan Dorris York. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Ethan York. Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Douglas Long; her second mom Annette Long Whitt; her children, Micah York (Kathy), Samuel Long (Dori), Stephen Long (Maeghan), JonLuke Long (Emily); grandchildren, Gia & Mal York, Ellie Mae & Gracie Long, Kairi & Noble Long; Isabelle Long (grand dog); sister, Betsy Hutson (Clint); brother, Seth York; brother in law, Robert Long (Lisa) and a host of nieces, nephews family and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be, Micah York, Stephen Long, Gauge Day, Sam Long, JonLuke Long and Hunter Potts. Laura was a Godly woman, a beloved wife and "Yaya" to her grandchildren and she loved her family more than anything. She will be greatly missed.

Pernie Lou Hunt, 82 Pernie Lou Hunt, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, September 17, 2025. A graveside service for Pernie will be held Sunday, September 21, 2025, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at New Prospect Baptist church, 5625 Co Rd 38, Cullman, AL 35057. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk at the Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, September 25, 2025, for the installation of a Lazy River at the Wildwater Waterpark. Detailed plans and specifications for the Lazy River project will be available for examination in the City Clerk's Office at Cullman City Hall. Bids can be hand delivered to 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 prior to the opening. Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 278, Cullman, Alabama 35056. Bidders must be a certified master installer of Myrtha pools or will be required to have the full installation support of a master certified installer of Myrtha pools.

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.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY B. CULWELL, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2023-303

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to DOROTHY Y.C. ROBINSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DOROTHY B. CULWELL, deceased, on the 21st day of September, 2023, 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.

DOROTHY Y.C. ROBINSON
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 834
Hanceville, Alabama 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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:)
LUCAS WAYNE DARNELL,) **CASE NO. PC-2025-0285**
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of said deceased having been granted to **MYRA DARNELL** on the 4th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is the latter to occur or the same will be barred.

/s/MYRA DARNELL
MYRA DARNELL, Administrator of the Estate of LUCAS WAYNE DARNELL

Seth B. Thompson, Attorney for Petitioner Myra Darnell

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TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1,Earl's Body Shop, Inc.

will offer For sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on:

Oct, 30, 2025 at 7:00 A.M.:

2017 Kia Sorento 5XYPG4A34HG238899

2016 Chev Sonic 1GIJC5SH9G4145982

2009 Toyota Corolla JTDB14OE49J0O9536

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2006 Kia Optima KNAGE124765059464

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2009 Toyota Corolla JTDBL4OE79J007845

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2025-015

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JAMES BRIAN CORDES and TERRI NORENE CORDES.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: MICHAEL GRIMM, whose whereabouts and location are unknown

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of G.M.G., a minor child born April 3, 2012, to Rebecca Louise Allen Demlow was filed on the 23rd day of May, 2025, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners James Brian Cordes and Terri Norene Cordes. 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 10th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION THE PETITION OF KAREN DIANNE COOK, FOR THE ADOPTION OF
L.A.D. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 12-17-2015
CASE NO.: AD 2025-027

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: HOPE OLIVIA DAUKSZA, BOILOGICAL MOTHER
JACOB IAN DAUKSZA, BIOLOGICAL FATHER
WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* of L.A.D., a minor child born on December 17, 2015, to Hope Olivia Daukska, was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Karen Dianne Cook, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 10th DAY OF September, 2025.

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

Dean R. Smith
Attorney for the Petitioner
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI
PROBATE DIVISION

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In Re the Guardianship of:)
MATTHIAS MACCABEE HOOD,)
)
Case No:
MARK HOOD and,)
ANDREA HOOD)
Petitioners,)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

NOW on this 18th day of July, 2025 the Motion and Affidavit of Mark Hood and Andrea Hood, Petitioners, coming before the Court and the same having been considered finds that personal service cannot be made upon the biological father of the minor child, Matthias Hood, because his whereabouts is unknown to the Petitioners; therefore, service by publication is necessary upon the biological father.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to issue a Notice of Service by Publication to be published in the Coleman County Tribune for four (4) weeks.

So Ordered:

Honorable

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
BELINDA KILGORE,) **Case No. CV-2017-000060.00**
an Incapacitated Person.)

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that Shelbie Hankey, as Conservator of the Estate of Belinda Kilgore, an Incapacitated Person, filed her account and vouchers for final settlement of said Estate on the 25th day of August 2025, and that the 6th day of October, 2025, at 9:00 am was appointed to hear said settlement.

DONE this 3rd day of September, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
There will be a public hearing before the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County
Commission Office, Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama, October 21, 2025, at
4:00 p.m. to receive comment on closing a portion of Tall Tree Lane, more particularly
described as the following:
Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 10 of Charley Lowery Smith Lake Subdivision, as recorded in Map Book 3, Page 114, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, being on the West right-of-way of Tall Tree Lane; thence South 45 degrees 39 minutes 29 seconds East 223.98 feet to a 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes West 150.10 feet to the end of said Tall Tree Lane; thence Northerly along the East right-of-way of Tall Tree Lane to the Southeast corner of Lot 11 of Charley Lowery Smith Lake Subdivision; thence Northerly along the East right-of-way of Tall Tree Lane to the Northwest corner of Lot 12 of Charley Lowery Smith Lake Subdivision; thence Southwest 50 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.
Which abutting property owners wish to vacate and abandon.

Cullman County Commission
Jeff Clemons, Chairman

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PEN AIR CREDIT UNION,)
Plaintiff,)
v.) **Civil Action No. CV-2025-900249**
SHANE W. VINYARD,)
Defendant.)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Shane W. Vinyard, Defendant named above

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking a judgment against the Defendant, Shane W. Vinyard, was filed against you in said court on July 8, 2025, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the court on September 10, 2025 you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of said court and serve upon Joshua D. Friedman, Esquire, whose address is Post Office Box 2767, Mobile, Alabama 36652, an answer to the complaint within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication, to-wit:

by the 11th day of September 2025.

Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Court
Signature of Clerk

Publish once each week for 4 successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune:

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sweet Savannah

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Yes, I am a country boy, but one of my favorite places to visit in this world is a city. No, I do not love all cities, but I do love Savannah, Georgia. Jean and I spent the latter half of last week there. I took her there for her birthday, but I went, too! It was a good time to visit because the humidity was bearable, and the bloodsucking helicopters, sometimes known as mosquitos, as well as the gnasty gnats, had flown on.

Mr. Redding left his home in Georgia and headed for the Frisco Bay. We left out home in Alabama and headed for the Georgia Coast.

We traveled almost perfectly due east. Had we traveled on approximately another 4,200 miles to the east (and slightly north), we would have arrived on the Southern Coast (Costa del Sol) of Spain. Since we plan to visit there next year, we decided that was too far to drive this time. Maybe they will have the bridge built by then!

No drive through that part of Georgia is complete without a stop at Lane's Southern Orchards for some peach ice cream, peaches and pecans. You can stop in going or coming, or in some cases both! I do have a word of warning though. Do not buy a bag of cinnamon glazed pecans and a bag of cheese straws.

After eating too many sweet pecans, I needed something to get the sweet taste out of my mouth. That went back and forth between the two until they were gone and I was sick!

After our four-and-one-half hours' drive, we eased down Savannah's cobblestone streets, shaded by giant live oak trees that hovered over us like watchful parents. The draped Spanish moss that hung from their massive limbs reminded me of Santa's long beard as it swayed in the gentle breeze. Savannah is a charming city deep in the South that has been there for almost 300 years now.

It is Georgia's oldest city and served as the capital of the colony of Georgia. It sits on the banks of the Savannah River, for which the city was named, and is only about 20 miles inland from Tybee Island and the Atlantic Ocean.

Our lodging was in a lovely B & B called the Azalea Inn. We stayed in this same inn 15 years earlier. We loved the old two-story house that was built in 1889 so much, we decided to pay it another visit. We were not disappointed. Our room was comfortable and cozy and our breakfasts were delicious.

I think Savannah has more parks than Opelika has pickleball courts (and we have quite a few). One of the most beautiful parks is Forsyth Park, located only a couple of blocks from Azalea Inn. Forret Gump spent time on a bench there.

One of our favorite spots at the inn was the deck right outside our room. It overlooked the pool and had a table and chairs beneath one of those giant live oaks. We loved our morning coffee out there, but I'm not sure the squirrels did. Oaks have acorns. Have you ever heard those things hit a glass-top table?

Better yet, do you know those things don't feel great when they hit the top of your head, especially when there is not much protective covering up there anymore? I didn't know they could fall that hard or that fast, but I do believe I heard some of the furry friends laughing about it. I think they have developed a pretty mean fastball...or fast acorn, as the case may be. Even so, Savannah is a special place to visit!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Sept. 20, 1951

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Fairview News

Mrs. C. W. Wells of Birmingham was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell and children the latter part of last week, returning home Sunday morning.

Alfred Howse of the Merchant Marines, who is stationed at Mobile, spent last weekend with his father, W. M. Howse and family.

Rev. and Mrs. V. Sizemore, Jackie and Jennie spent last Friday night with relatives in Birmingham.

Johnnie Self, who is working at the ship yard in Decatur, was at home for the week-end with his wife and children.

Mrs. T. N. Martin spent several days in Gadsden last week with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Martin.

Mrs. Foster Lorance of Cullman visited her mother, Mrs. Mattie Screws and Mrs. Ethel Palmer last Friday.

Mrs. Huey Oaks and J. M. Moses of Gadsden visited their mother, Mrs. Loyal Moses, last week.

Little Cornelius Kreps, Jr., and brother, Thomas of Columbus, Ga., are at their grand mother's, Mrs. Mattie Screws. Their mother is seriously ill in the hospital at Columbus, Ga.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell visited his mother who became very ill near Boaz a week ago.

Mrs. Washington Maze of Arab visited with her father, J. R. Haynes, and family several days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Pruett and children of Pisgah visited relatives of this community last week-end.

Berlin News

Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop and little son visited his sick brother in Birmingham recently.

Miss Lea Thrasher has been spending some time in Cullman with her brother. His wife is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Duke and Virginia have just returned from an extended visit in Connecticut. The Dukes' live at Phelan and came to visit the John Thrashers last week.

Jack Payne is working in Tuscaloosa and Mrs. Payne in Cullman.

Mrs. Clifford Newton and Mrs. Garland Newton visited at Antioch Sunday.

John Thrasher and sisters, Lela and Lea visited relatives in Birmingham recently.

Mr. and Timothy Adamson are moving to Warner, from W. I. (Lidy) Walker's place.

The Clarence Johnsons attended the singing at Gold Ridge Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lena Schnittker, of Mt. Olive visited Mrs. Eva Handley last week.

The singing at Berlin Baptist Church Saturday night was very good. Come again next third Saturday night. Also first Sunday night to hear Berlin sing.

Ira Parrish is in better health.

The John Loveladys of Albertville were here at his mothers, Mrs. Lydia Lovelady.

Mrs. Ozwell Parrish is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams of Decatur visited Mrs. Effie Williams, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Duskin and family attended birthday dinner near Hamby's Chapel last Sunday.

C. I. Walker goes to Florida to start his new dwelling first of this week, having already laid the foundation.

Clara Goggins is home from her job.

Mrs. Jack Payne is moving to Simcoe soon. Her husband works at Tuscaloosa.

Annie Lou Goggins, who is studying for a nurse in Birmingham, was home last week-end.

No Bike After Game!

When J. L. Herring, Jr. was ready to go home after the Cullman-Moulton football game Friday night he couldn't find his motor bike. It had been stolen while he watched the game.

However, the vehicle was found Monday at Thomas McDonald's home and McDonald was placed in the county jail charged with grand larceny.

Joppa News

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Burks and children of Huntsville are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.M.B. Holmes and Mrs. Lorene Bullard of West Point visited her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Newman's children were Mr. and Mrs. John Newman of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Lilly Mae and children of Huntsville, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mae and children of Joppa, and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Taylor of Joppa.

Jean Johnson, Lynn Taylor, Thomas Mason and wife were home on a 15 day pass from Camp Fannin, Texas.

Jean Johnson and Jeanette Warren, Lynn Taylor and Fanny Jane visited him several days the past week.



POET'S CORNER

Before the Earth Awakes | By: April McCay

I would love to hear from you if you enjoy Poet's Corner. Randyhale62@yahoo.com

Before the earth awakes
And the day starts,
I come to You
With all my heart.
A fresh beginning
Waiting to be seized,
Here I am
On my knees.

The day is Yours
This I know,
I need Your leading
For the path
I am to go.
Before I rise
And go ahead,
Let Your words
Upon my heart be said.

Let me ears
Listen deep,
For my soul
Is Yours to keep.
Give my eyes
A vision from You,
Let my lips
Speak the way You do.

Let my hands
Touch and care,
For I am the church in body
Taking You, Lord everywhere

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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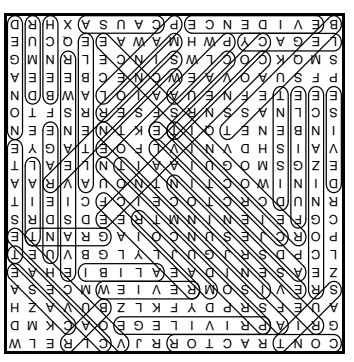
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VISIT CULLMAN

Left to right are Peggy Smith, Nancy Moore, Micah Means, Delaine VanDyke, Harmony Heard, Kenzie Fox, Mary-Beth Sellers and Tanya Arnold at the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association Annual Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025.

Awards (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Visit Cullman/Cullman County Tourism Bureau was recently named Organization of the Year by the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association (AMLA) at the annual PEAK Awards.

The PEAK Awards program pays tribute to tourism leaders, attractions, festivals and organizations that set the bar for north Alabama's $4.9 billion tourism industry, said a media release from the AMLA. The awards presentation was part of the AMLA Annual Meeting held Thursday, Sept. 18, at The Venue at Coosa Landing in Gadsden.

According to the AMLA, "The Organization of the Year award is presented to the AMLA member organization that has contributed significantly to the betterment and development of tourism in North Alabama in the past year."

In addition to the bureau's recognition, Cullman's tourism community celebrated three major honors:

• Christkindlmarkt Cullman, the city's holiday festival, was presented the President's Award, in recognition of its success drawing thousands of visitors and creating unforgettable holiday experiences for residents and visitors

• Delaine VanDyke, marketing specialist for Visit Cullman, received the Southeastern Tourism Society 2026 Marketing College Scholarship

• Tanya Arnold, a dedicated Visit Cullman volunteer, received the Good Neighbor Award, highlighting her exceptional service and hospitality to visitors

"Cullman's success in tourism is possible because of the collaboration, hospitality and dedication of so many," said Harmony Heard, executive director of the Cullman County Tourism Bureau. "We are deeply honored by this recognition and thankful for our team, the Cullman County Board of Directors, our volunteers, community partners and the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association for supporting and celebrating our work. This award is a reflection of all who make Cullman shine as a premier destination in Alabama."

Learn more at www.visitcullman.com.









