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Cullman City Council passes $194M budget for 2026

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday passed a fiscal year 2026 budget totaling $194,634,790, up over $6 million from last year but behind peak years in 2024 ($207,986,624) and 2023 ($195,819,380).

Highlights of the budget as reported in the meeting include:

• General Fund (the City's primary operating fund) increased to $59,186,795 (the largest ever for that particular fund) based on actual revenue collected in 2025

• General Fund budget increased by 6.6% over 2025

• 4% pay increase and annual pay supplement of $800 in November for full-time employees

• **Employee Benefits**

• City absorbed the 4.75% increase to health and dental insurance for full-time City employees.

• City covered the 9.25% increase to the retirement match for full-time City employees

• City renewed Air Evac plan for employees and their families and covered the increase.

• CWAC memberships for City employees and continue to provide a discount for their families

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Rock the South set to leave Cullman; Decatur to take the stage



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What we know so far

• Rock the South's official site currently lists no location for 2026 and simply states "See you in 2026"

• Social media hints have surfaced: On Facebook, Rock the South posted, "The biggest party in the south has a big announcement soon — saddle up"

• Fans discussing the move on local Facebook groups cite Decatur as the rumored destination, with some expressing concern over traffic and access

• News coverage from 2025 described the latest Rock the South event as "record-breaking" in Cullman, drawing thousands across three days

• While there is no official confirmation yet from Decatur's city government, tourism office or the Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, every indicator points toward a major announcement

The festival born from recovery

Rock the South was born out of tragedy and rebirth. After the devastating tornadoes in 2011, Shane Quick led the effort to launch a music event in 2012 as part of Cullman's recovery — a festival meant to bring hope, economic stimulus and community pride back to a battered region.

In its first year, the festival was organized through City channels, but by 2013, Quick had assumed leadership and expanded the event to two days. Over time, he partnered with Nathan Baugh (of 46 Entertainment/Peachtree) to manage and scale the festival.

From small beginnings, Rock the South pushed through growing pains — zoning debates, traffic concerns, infrastructure limitations — and grew into a marquee summer event for country music fans.

In 2019, the festival moved from Heritage Park to a larger 150-acre private parcel just south of the city, adjacent to I-65, to accommodate camping and expanded parking.

Attendance and momentum

In 2023, local media said festival night one drew over 35,000 attendees, with organizers projecting » PAGE 8

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Cullman County Fair Parade this Saturday in downtown Cullman

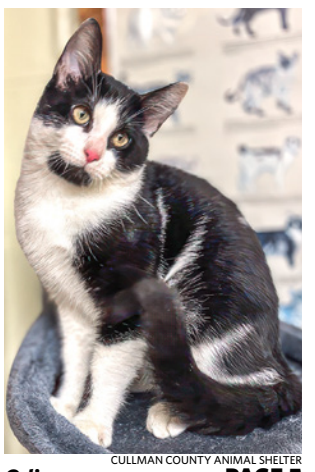


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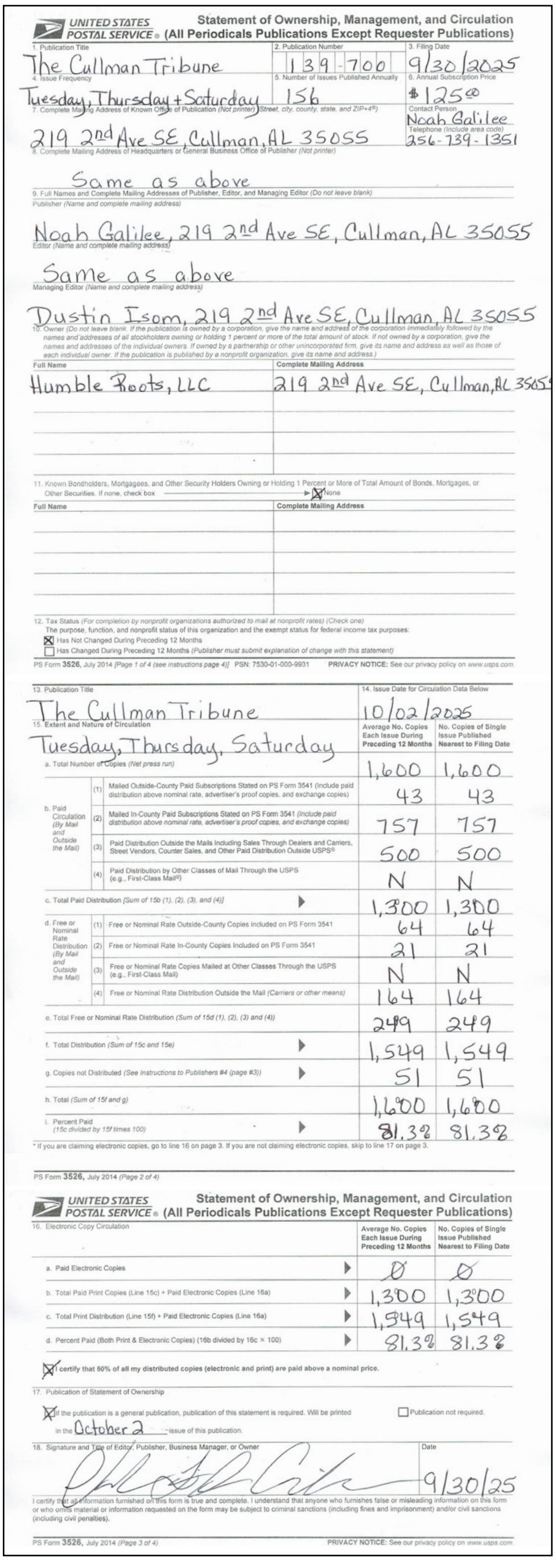
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On Monday October 6, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

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4. Short for subdivision – 900 Main Avenue NE – create three lots
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6. Short form Subdivision – 1637 Bolte Road SE – create three lots
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 1

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported October 1, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 29
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS
Sept. 29 – Sept. 30
Johnson, Danielle N.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hanners, Curtis R.; 58
- FTA – switched tag (2 counts)
- FTA – driving without license

Millican, Samantha N.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hill, Christopher S.; 49
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

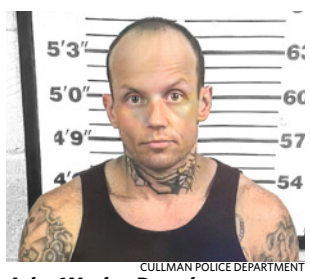
Drozda (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Emily Johnston on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, sentenced John Wesley Drozda, 38, of Cullman, to 90 years in prison. Drozda was convicted of murder on Aug. 21, 2025, in the Sept. 17, 2023, shooting death of Thomas James Brannon, 37, also of Cullman.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker posted to social media following the sentencing: "Circuit Judge Emily Niezer Johnston sentenced John Wesley Drozda to 90 years imprisonment for the 2023 murder of Thomas Brannon. My staff and I attended the sentencing hearing along with members of Mr. Brannon's family. Although Tommy Brannon's family and friends will never be able to replace him, I hope that justice being served on this killer brings some peace."

The shooting happened at approximately 10:55 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023, near the 200 block of Hickory Avenue Southwest in the city of Cullman. Drozda fled the scene, and was later apprehended at the Red Roof Inn in Hartselle.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
John Wesley Drozda

Parade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With autumn air setting in and the community preparing to gather, the 2025 Cullman County Fair Parade is set to offer a spirited kickoff to the fair season.

The streets of downtown Cullman will come alive this Saturday, Oct. 4, as the Cullman County Fair Parade steps off at 2 p.m., marking the traditional start to one of the community's most cherished fall events.

Parade participants will check in at the corner of Fourth Street Southwest and U.S. Highway 278, where they will receive lineup numbers and final instructions.

The parade will travel north along U.S. Highway 31, beginning near Sixth Street Southwest and continuing to Arnold Street Northwest.

To accommodate the procession, U.S. Highway 31 from Ninth Street Southwest to Main Avenue Northwest will be closed to traffic between 1:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to plan ahead and arrive early to secure a good viewing spot.

Floats, area marching bands, community groups and pageant winners and contestants will highlight the parade, while local churches and ministries are also expected to take part, continuing a tradition of offering outreach during the event.

The parade serves as a prelude to the Cullman County Fair, which runs Oct. 9-18, at the fairgrounds located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Fair admission is $10 for ages 10 and older, while children 9 and younger are admitted free.

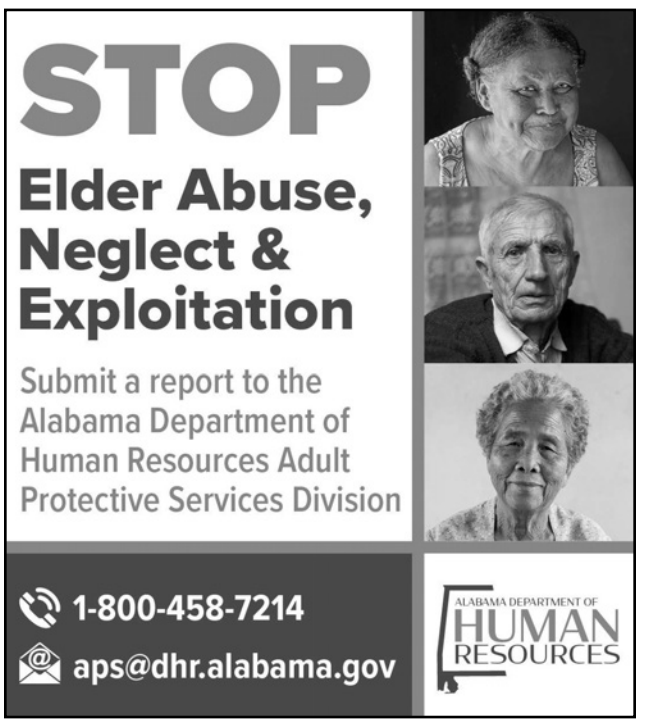
Ride tickets are sold separately, with unlimited ride armbands available for $30 on weekdays and $35 Friday through Sunday.

The midway is provided by Kissel Entertainment, and exhibits will feature livestock, agriculture, arts, crafts and more.

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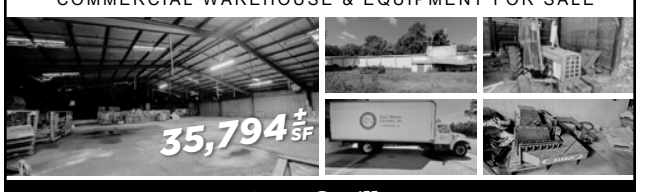
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COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

West Point set to meet Good Hope in county finals

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VINEMONT, Ala. — After an action-packed day one on Monday, the Cullman County Volleyball Tournament resumed at Vinemont High School Tuesday night and the matchup for the finals is now set. West Point got things started by sweeping Fairview 3-0 to secure their spot in the championship match and Good Hope knocked off Vinemont 3-0 to advance as well.

West Point 3 - Fairview 0
(25-15, 25-16, 25-11)

The first set started out close between both teams. West Point held a slim 6-5 lead, but Fairview went on a run and ended up taking a 10-8 lead. The Lady Aggies held an 11-10 lead late in the first set. West Point completely took over after that, as they scored four straight points to take a 14-11 lead. The Lady Warriors scored eight of the next nine points to take a commanding 22-12 lead, and they would go on to win the first set 25-15.

Fairview got out to a 5-1 lead in the second set and held a 7-4 lead, but West Point battled back to tie things up at 10. The Lady Aggies jumped back in front, 12-10, but just like the first set, the Lady Warriors took control of the second set. They scored the next five points to take a 15-12 lead, and later on in the set, they scored six points in a row to stretch their lead to 21-13. Fairview cut it to 23-16, but West Point scored the final two points, as they ended up taking the second set 25-16.

It didn't take long for West Point to get out to a quick lead in the third set, as they jumped out to a 5-0 lead. The Lady Aggies quickly made it a 5-4 game and kept it at a one-point game at 9-8. The Lady Warriors went on a little run to take a 12-8 lead and broke things wide open after that, scoring 10 straight points at one point to widen their lead to 23-9. West Point quickly closed things out after that, as they ended up rolling past Fairview 25-11 to finish the sweep.

Good Hope 3 - Vinemont 0
(25-20, 25-15, 25-23)

The first set was a battle between both teams, and neither one held more than a four-point lead until the end. Four straight points by Good Hope gave them a 6-3 lead, but Vinemont battled back to tie things up at seven. That would be the first of several ties in the set.

The Lady Raiders held a slim 15-11 lead more than halfway through the first set, but once again, the Lady Eagles rallied to take a 17-16 lead. Good Hope came back to take a 20-18 lead, and a late run at the end helped them get past Vinemont 25-20.

Good Hope jumped out to an early 5-1 lead in the second set. Vinemont, though, came back to tie things up at seven. It didn't take long for the Lady Raiders to pull away from the Lady Eagles after that, as a 9-0 run gave them a 16-7 lead. Vinemont cut it to 16-10, but another run by Good Hope made it 21-10. The Lady Raiders ended up taking the second set 25-15.

The third set was similar to the first one, as both teams gave it their all throughout the set. A mini run by Vinemont gave them a 7-4 lead, but Good Hope ended up coming back and taking an 11-9 lead. The Lady Raiders held a slim 18-15 lead late in the third set, but another mini run by the Lady Eagles gave them a 19-18 lead. Both teams were knotted at 22 late in the set. Good Hope broke the tie and held a 24-22 lead. Vinemont trimmed the deficit to one at 24-23, but the Lady Raiders ended up getting the final point of the set and ended up sweeping the Lady Eagles 3-0.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Raiders will play the West Point Warriors in the county tournament championship Thursday night.

COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Fairview, Vinemont, Good Hope advance to semifinals

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VINEMONT, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Volleyball Tournament officially tipped off at Vinemont High School Monday night and after a night loaded with tight matchups, three teams have secured spots in the semifinals. Fairview edged Holly Pond 3-2 in a back and forth thriller, Vinemont survived a hard-fought battle with Cold Springs 3-2 and Good Hope capped the night with a 3-0 sweep of Hanceville.

Fairview 3 – Holly Pond 2
(26-24, 23-25, 26-24, 24-26, 15-6)

Holly Pond jumped out to a 5-1 lead early in the first set, but Fairview rallied to tie things up at 7. The score remained knotted at 12 as the set went on before the Broncos pulled ahead 18-16 late. The Aggies came back to tie the score at 20 and Fairview was able to edge out Holly Pond 26-24 to win the set.

The second set was just as tight as the first. The score was tied at 12 midway through the set but Holly Pond was able to take an 18-17 later on. The Broncos led 23-20 at one point and held off a late push from the Aggies to win the second set 25-23.

Holly Pond led most of the way throughout the third set, but Fairview rallied late to things up at 20. The Broncos led 23-20 at one point but the Aggies completed the comeback and took the third set 26-24.

The back and forth battle continued in the fourth set. The scores was knotted at 8 early on before Holly Pond moved ahead to take a 17-6 lead.

With both teams tied at 24, the Broncos scored the final two points to secure a 26-24 win and force a fifth set.

The tiebreaker set was the most one-sided of the night. Fairview built a 9-3 lead early on and outpaced Holly Pond 6-3 the rest of the way to take the set 15-6 and win the marathon match 3-2.

Vinemont 3 – Cold Springs 2
(25-19, 24-26, 23-25, 25-16, 15-13)

Vinemont held a slim, 5-4 lead early in the first set and extended that lead to 13-5 as play went on. Cold Springs was able to trim the lead to 16-12 at one point but couldn't climb back any closer than that and Vinemont held on to win the first set 25-19.

Cold Springs got off to a 5-0 start in the second set but Vinemont battled back to tie things up at 8. Vinemont moved ahead after that and led 20-17 at one point but Cold Springs rallied to come from behind and take the second set 26-24.

Cold Springs led 9-5 early in the third set but Vinemont was able to respond and tie things up at 15. The score remained knotted at 19 later in the set but Cold Springs finished strong to win the set 25-23 and take a 2-1 lead in the match.

Vinemont jumped out to an 8-3 lead early in the fourth set and kept Cold Springs at arms' length the rest of the way. Vinemont led 21-13 at one point and went on to take the set 25-16, forcing a tiebreaker set with a spot in the semifinals on the line.

Both teams traded the lack back and forth in the final set. Vinemont led early on before Cold Springs bounced back to take an 8-7 lead. The score was tied at 12 later in the set but Vinemont scored three of the next four points to win the set 15-13 and advance with a hard-fought 3-2 win in the match.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Vinemont Eagles edged Cold Springs 3-2 at the Cullman County Tournament Monday night to advance to the county semifinals.

Good Hope 3 – Hanceville 0
(25-9, 25-16, 25-14)

The Raiders got off to a dominant start in the opening set. Good Hope led 9-1 early and maintained a 17-5 lead as the set went on. The Raiders moved ahead 21-6 at one point and went on to take the first set 25-9.

Hanceville battled back in the second set, taking an early, 7-4 lead and maintaining a 13-11 advantage midway through the set. However, Good Hope rallied to score nine of the next 12 points to take a 20-16 lead and then the Raiders posted five straight to win the second set 25-16.

Good Hope held a 6-4 lead early in the third set and maintained an 11-7 lead as the set went on. The Raiders pulled ahead 15-9 at one point but the Bulldogs were able to trim the lead down to 15-13. Good Hope scored the next four points to move in front 19-13 and cruised to a 25-14 win and a spot in the semifinals.

WSCC FLAG FOOTBALL

Wallace State sweeps Calhoun with dominant road victories

Wallace State Sports Information

DECATUR, Ala. — Wallace State flag football stayed unbeaten in conference play on Sunday, rolling to a pair of convincing road wins over Calhoun at the Jack Allen Recreation Complex. The Lions opened the afternoon with a 53-13 victory in Game 1 before completing the sweep with a 57-0 shutout in Game 2.

Game 1: Lions overpower Warhawks, 53-13

Wallace State wasted little time setting the tone, as quarterback Emma Kile connected with Ma'Kyla Williams on a 4-yard touchdown to cap the Lions' second possession.

A defensive spark followed when ZaNiya Mitchell picked off a Calhoun pass and returned it to the five-yard line, setting up Mariah Ragland's touchdown run that stretched the lead to 13-0.

The Lions' offense exploded in the second quarter. Destinee Ealy turned a tipped pass into a 47-yard touchdown, and Kile later found Taylor Kindred on a 26-yard strike for a 29-0 advantage. Calhoun answered with a score early in the third, but Wallace countered quickly as Kile hit Telecia Ransom on a 35-yard touchdown.

The Warhawks briefly cut into the margin with a defensive score, but the Lions dominated the final stretch. Kile connected with Ragland on a 51-yard bomb, hit Ealy for a 17-yard score, and capped the day with a 3-yard touchdown to Ransom as time expired.

Wallace piled up 350 yards of offense behind Kile's 20-of-37, 319-yard, seven-touchdown passing performance. Ragland led the way with 82 receiving yards, a touchdown, and a rushing score. Ealy caught two touchdowns, while Ransom and Kindred each added a pair of scoring grabs.

Williams chipped in with a touchdown reception, sack, and two flag pulls on defense. Mitchell headlined the defense with three interceptions and five flag pulls, while Rudolph added another interception.

Game 2: Lions pitch shutout, 57-0

The Lions carried their momentum into the second matchup, blanking Calhoun for their third shutout of the season. Kile opened the scoring with a 2-yard touchdown run, then found Ealy on a 38-yard strike.

After a Rudolph interception, Kile hit Kindred for a 26-yard score before Kindred added a pick-six of his own to push the lead to 28-0. Ragland extended the margin with a 10-yard run following Rudolph's second interception, giving Wallace a commanding 35-0 edge at the half.

The Lions stayed aggressive after the break, as Kile connected with Ragland on a 29-yard touchdown and Ealy on a 10-yard score. The final blow came late in the fourth when Kile and Ragland teamed up again on a 32-yard touchdown, sealing a 57-0 rout.

Wallace finished with 317 total yards, including 286 through the air from Kile, who went 20-of-33 with five touchdowns and one rushing score. Ragland tallied 78 receiving yards and two touchdowns, plus a rushing score, while Ealy added 70 yards and two touchdowns. Kindred collected 67 yards and a touchdown, along with two interceptions and a defensive score. Ransom chipped in with 54 receiving yards.

Defensively, the Lions forced five interceptions, with Kindred and Rudolph each recording two and Ragland snagging one. Mitchell and Romajah Walton paced the tackling effort with five flag pulls apiece.

Up next

The Lions, now 6-0, will return home on October 8 to host Northwest-Shoals in a key conference matchup.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State improved to 6-0 with a pair of wins over Calhoun on Sunday.

Tour (from Front)

**W.C. Mann,
Michael Sullins**

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's 16th annual Candlelight Walking Tour, part of the Oktoberfest tradition, will swing into action tonight with some tunes to kick off the event. Beginning at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum, 1950s music will rock and roll across the streets of downtown Cullman, so guests are invited (but not required) to dress up in their best 1950s attire and dance the night away.

Once again, the tour will be led by two local historians, Julie Burks with the Cullman County Museum and former Burgermeister Michael Sullins.

Sullins shared, "This year we will be focusing on the decade of the 1950s, which saw the city of Cullman explode in population. In 1959 alone, the city limits doubled to 5,000 acres to bring the population up from 9,000 people to over 12,500."

Past articles from The Cullman Tribune (Cullman's oldest continuing business) will help tell the story, starting with the Jan. 5, 1950, front page announcing the new Cullman High School with an artist's concept drawing. The article stated that it would be ready for the 1950-1951 school year with "modern features." The new senior high school building would consist of 12 classrooms, a music room, science laboratory, clinic, rest rooms and school administrative offices. The article also mentioned modern items such as lockers, green board space and pastel colors for the walls. In addition, plans were underway for a new baseball field, tennis courts and the first city swimming pool, along with a picnic area for the students.

As the years progressed, Cullman saw a fury of progress. The King Pharr Plant expanded its canning facilities multiple times. Ground was broken for a new convent at the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman and a new library at St. Bernard Abbey. A dam was built on Eva Road for a new water supply (now called City Lake). Sportsman Lake was created, and its park included a new National Guard armory building. The Ritz Theatre re-opened with Alabama's first CinemaScope and Stereophonic sound system. And one of the biggest announcements of that decade was the new cigar plant – King Edward.

The town saw a dramatic increase in modern conveniences such as the rotary dial telephone, television sets and refrigerators.

Downtown saw the construction of the new modern Parker Bank (with a new feature – a drive-up window) and Leeth Bank buildings. The A&P opened the newest "Early American Supermarket" which was a 13,000-square-foot supermarket with the newest conveniences such as self-service meat, coffee-dairy department, refrigerated produce, baked goods department, mechanical checkout and complete year-round air conditioning.



COURTESY MICHAEL SULLINS

In a photo that will accompany the tour, City Clerk George Kramer makes the first deposit in a local bank's new drive-in window.

Churches in Cullman saw growth as well, with the dedication of the Sacred Heart and St. Paul School buildings, Church of the Nazarene, Grace Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church building and Seventh Street Baptist church buildings. That same decade saw both Methodist churches in town get new pastors the same week.

This decade also saw the City of Cullman create an Industrial Board, vote twice to retain the Mayor-Council model, install a new traffic light system, break ground for a hospital annex, open a new city golf course and airport, construct West Elementary School, and a new city hall and civic center were in the works. The City of Cullman also began speed checking by radar in 1956.

Many locals were recognized that decade, including Roy Drinkard receiving the "Painting of Pontiac" for the Best Dealer Award in 1950 as well as Mr. Leigeber selling his car dealership to Mr. Drinkard. Cullman's own Jim Folsom was elected governor, and two men would be elected as mayors during the era: William J. Nesmith in 1952 and Bill Arnold in 1956. Although he is better known today as Dr. Bill, in 1958 he was simply known as "Billy Peinhardt" who was elected school council president that year. Also elected that year was his future wife, Carolyn Freeman, as vice-president.

The largest estate sale up to that point occurred in 1959 with the Stiefelmeyer's Estate Auction that brought $315,809.61 (about $3.5 million in today's money).

Cullman also saw its share of challenges with a dramatic increase in burglaries and vehicle collisions. In the year 1959 alone, The Cullman Tribune reported a traffic collision every week. The exception occurred with the Sept. 10, 1959, edition that reported: "Labor Day weekend safest weekend on record so far that year no accidents occurred just two fender benders."

The final headline for The Cullman Tribune on Dec. 31, 1959, concerned the 1960s New Years baby: "23rd Annual Baby Derby Sponsored by Cullman Businesses." The first winner in 1938 was Max Alvis Jr. who was born on Jan. 1, at 7:15 pm. The winner of the 1959 Derby was Cythia Ann Carnes who arrived at 6:12 a.m. on Jan. 1. During the 22 years of the Derby, 14 times the winners were boys, with girls winning only eight. The 1960 Derby winner would receive gifts from Fuller Super Market, Klein's Dairy Products, Stiefelmeyer's, Watson's, Schlosser's Studio, West Side Furniture Company, W.L. Ward Jeweler Inc., Kuhn's, People's Drug Company, Leeth National Bank and the Cullman Tribune. The parents would get gifts from Quality Cleaners, King Edward Cigar Co. and Kessler's Florist, and the 1960 doctor got a gift from Moyer's Service Station.

Sullins added, "Also this year we will be conducting two bus tours. It will be a first come and first served basis, so come early for a guaranteed seat. Both tours will begin at the Cullman County Museum on Friday, Oct. 3, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The tours will last about an hour and will feature historic downtown Cullman from Third Avenue East to First Avenue West."

From the Oktoberfest website:
"Step back in time to the vibrant, rock and roll era of the 1950s with a captivating candlelight walking tour through historic downtown Cullman. As twilight descends, let the gentle flicker of candlelight illuminate the charm of a bygone era, guiding you through streets that once bustled with the spirit of change and progress. This was a decade when Cullman's economy blossomed, with agriculture and manufacturing becoming cornerstones of the city. Experience the stories of a community balancing German tradition with a touch of modern flair, where new businesses emerged and the promise of a postwar future was in the air. Join us for an enchanting journey that brings to life the sights, sounds, and history of Cullman during this transformative period.

"1950s Rock & Roll starting at 6PM and Historic Candlelight Tours starting at 7PM, all at the Cullman County Museum. Candlelight Tour lasts around 1 hour and candles, glow sticks and water will be provided. Admission to the tour is free, but space is limited."

For more information, visit www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com/schedule-of-events.



Odie (from Front)

Noah Galilee
noah@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Odie, a 5-month-old domestic shorthair, is one of those rare kittens who seems born with happiness built in. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Odie is a seriously joyful fellow in any situation, whether curled up in your arms or rolling onto his back to invite an extra-long scratch.

He'll reward you with the loudest purrs, making it clear his heart belongs to people.

Odie isn't just playful — he's people oriented, through and through. His greatest joy is focusing all his energy and affection on you.

That devotion hints at his journey ahead: to be the perfect companion, therapy cat or reading buddy, spreading calm and comfort wherever he lands.

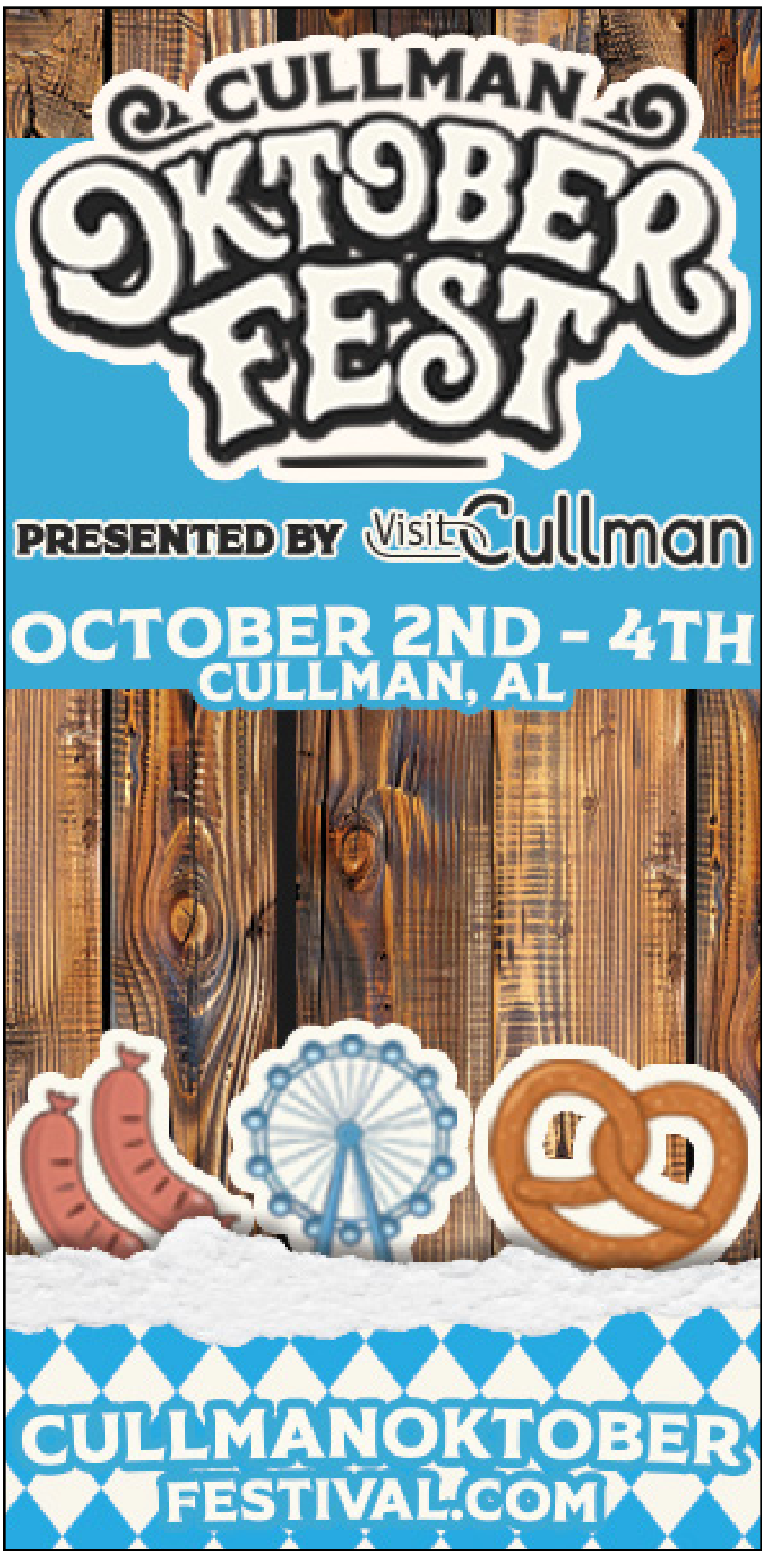
His adoption fee is $100, which covers neutering, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam, ensuring he's healthy and ready for his forever home.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Odie has already been adopted, don't worry.

Many of his friends are still waiting for someone like you to give them a second chance and a forever family.

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







LEGALS

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Veep Electric Service, Inc. hereby gives notice of completion of contract with Wallace-Hanceville Community College and the Alabama Community College System for project number 2022 086 WSCC, Winston County Community Learning Center located at 360 Helicon Road, Arley AL. It is requested that all persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should notify Chambless King Architects, LLC. at 12 W. Jefferson St., Ste 300 Montgomery, AL 36104 by October 2, 2025.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Nicholas G. Vandergrift, an unmarried man, to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage executed by Nicholas G. Vandergrift, an unmarried man dated October 6, 2023, and recorded on October 6, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2064 Page 951 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on October 27, 2025, between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter Section 33, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman Co., Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 - NE 1/4 of said Section 33, T11S, R4W for the point of beginning; thence S89°00'E 358.57 feet to a point in the center of a county paved road; thence N34°01'19"E 274.27 feet to a point; thence N89°00'W 512.05 feet to a point, thence South 230 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.2 acres, more or less. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 - NE 1/4 S33, T11S, R4W, Cullman Co, AL. Less and except right of way for paved county road.

Property Address: 1228 County Road 282, Cullman, AL 35057

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
FRANKLIN J. SELF, * CASE NO.: PC2025-202
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to RICK BROWN and GLENN R. WELCH, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of FRANKLIN J. SELF, deceased, on the 16th day of September, 2025, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

RICK BROWN
GLENN R. WELCH
Personal Representatives

Todd McLeroy
Attorney for Personal Representatives
McLEROY LAW FIRM, LLC
1626 First Avenue SW
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TIMES

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

DONE this 16th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2007 Dodge Charger VIN: 2B3KA43G07H863779

2018 Ram 1500 VIN: 3C6RR7LT5JG171584

2002 GMC Envoy XL VIN:1GKES16S026107715

2006 Land Rover Range Rover Sport (Black) VIN:SALSF25416A947090

2009 Toyota Yaris (Blue) VIN: JTDBT903094056458

2002 Honda Accord VIN:1HGCG56472A048156

2000 GMC Sonoma (Red) VIN: 1GTCS1947Y8184062

2007 Chevrolet Equinox (Red) VIN:2CNDL63F476232545

2007 Dodge Charger (Gray) VIN:2B3KA43G07H863779

2007 Nissan Sentra (Brown) VIN:3N1AB61E87L617433

2007 Nissan Sentra VIN:3N1AB61E67L718289

2008 Toyota Tacoma (Gray) VIN:5TEJU62N48Z554822

2011 Honda CR-V VIN:5J6RE3H74BL040525

These vehicles will be sold on October 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 13, 2024 by Phillip Scott Patterson, Spouse of Amy L. Patterson and Amy L. Patterson, Spouse of Phillip Scott Patterson, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 2096, Page 735 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on October 10, 2025:

Beginning at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 1 West; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East 661.03 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set; thence South 1 degree 27 minutes 00 seconds West 461.51 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 22 seconds West 279.96 feet to an existing capped iron; thence South 0 degrees 27 minutes 11 seconds West 157.52 feet to an existing capped iron on the North right of way of County Road No. 1728; thence North 86 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds West 173.95 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on said right of way; thence North 19 degrees 02 minutes 40 seconds East 60.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar se; thence North 88 degrees 44 minutes 50 seconds West 210.00 feet to an iron ½ inch capped rebar set on the North right of way of County Road 1728; thence North 0 degrees 26 minutes 23 seconds West 550.15 feet to an existing 2" pipe, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 1 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
Description according to Survey of James W. Baldy, AL. Lic. No. 11845, dated February 20, 2014.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-September 18, 25, October 2, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 14
TO LEVY A LOCAL EXCISE TAX AND REQUIRE BUSINESS LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF CONSUMABLE VAPOR PRODUCTS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS AND POLICE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 11, Chapter 51, Article 2 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, municipalities are granted the authority to license and tax businesses operating within their jurisdiction;
WHEREAS, the City of Cullman desires to establish an excise tax on consumable vapor product Wholesalers and Retailers; and also a gross-receipts-based business license requirement for Wholesalers and Retailers of consumable vapor products, in accordance with current state law;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:
That the Code of Cullman, Alabama is hereby amended by adding DIVISION 8 under ARTICLE 3 of CHAPTER 12, which reads as follows:
"DIVISION 8. CONSUMABLE VAPOR PRODUCTS TAX and LICENSE"
SECTION 12-301. Definitions.
The following terms, as used in this article, shall have the respective meanings as follows:
a. **"City"** shall mean the City of Cullman, an Alabama municipal corporation.
b. **"Person"** shall include every individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, limited liability partnership, or other form of organization engaged in any for-profit or not-for-profit activity.
d. **"Consumable Vapor Product"** shall mean and have the same meaning as the term is defined in Section 40-23-1, Code of Alabama 1975.
f. **"Vapor Product"** shall mean and have the same meaning as the term is defined in Section 40-23-1, Code of Alabama 1975.
g. **"Wholesaler"** shall mean any person or business entity who sells consumable vapor products to retailers and not to end-users.
h. **"Retailer"** shall mean any person or business entity who sells consumable vapor products to individual consumers or to the end-user, whether from a storefront or online, and regardless of location.
i. **"Gross Receipts"** shall mean the total revenue received from the sale of consumable vapor products from all sources and before deductions.
j. **"Milliliter (mL)"** shall mean one thousandth of a liter, which is typically the unit of measure used for the volume of consumable vapor products sold or distributed.
k. "**Business license"** shall mean an annual license issued by the City for the privilege of doing any kind of business, trade, profession, or any other activity in the City.
SECTION 12-302. Excise Tax Imposed.
Every person who sells consumable vapor products, whether as a retailer, wholesaler, or both, shall pay an excise tax to the City, which is hereby fixed and established as follows:
a. Fifty cents ($0.50) per milliliter (mL) of consumable vapor products sold or delivered by them within the corporate limits of the City; and

b. Twenty-Five cents ($0.25) per milliliter (mL) of consumable vapor products sold or delivered by them outside the corporate limits but within the City's police jurisdiction.

SECTION 12-303. Exemptions from subsequent Excise Tax.
The excise tax established in this Ordinance shall only be charged one time on each unit of a consumable vapor product, thus, if a Wholesaler or Retailer purchases consumable vapor products from a Wholesaler who has already paid the City the excise tax as outline, no additional excise tax on the re-sale of such consumable vapor products shall be owed. However, to qualify for this exemption, such person must submit a sworn written statement to the City or its designee by the 20th of each month, detailing:
a. All purchases of consumable vapor products made by such person in the preceding calendar month (Wholesaler's name, address, date of purchase, description of products, quantity of products); and

b. Proof of the payment of the excise tax for the consumable vapor products by the Wholesaler to the City.

SECTION 12-304. Monthly Statement of Sales Required.
Each Wholesaler or Retailer of consumable vapor products shall submit a sworn written statement to the City or its designee by the 20th day of each month, providing:
a. The quantity in milliliters (mL) of all consumable vapor products sold or delivered by them within the corporate limits of the City; and

b. The quantity in milliliters (mL) of all consumable vapor products sold or delivered by them outside the corporate limits but within the police jurisdiction of the City.

SECTION 12-305. Required Business Licenses.
Each person desiring to engage in the wholesale or retail sale of consumable vapor products in the City and/or in its police jurisdiction must first obtain a business license from the City under the applicable category:
a. Retailers of consumable vapor products must be licensed Section 12-44 of the Code of Cullman, Alabama.

b. Wholesalers of consumable vapor products must be licensed Section 12-44 of the Code of Cullman, Alabama
The license must be renewed annually and remains subject to all provisions of the City's general business licensing ordinance.
SECTION 12-306. Out-of-City Wholesalers or Retailers.
Wholesalers or Retailers without a physical business location in the City or in its police jurisdiction who sell or deliver consumable vapor products within the police jurisdiction or corporate limits of the City must first obtain the required Cullman business license and must fully comply with the filing and tax remittance requirements of the Code of Cullman, Alabama.
SECTION 12-307. Failure to File or Submitting False Statements.
Any person who fails to file the required monthly statement, submits false information, or who fails to first obtain a business license before selling or distributing consumable vapor products shall be subject to a fine of up to $500 per offense. Each day the person is in violation shall constitute a separate offense. In addition, such person shall be subject to their business license being revoked (if they have one) or not issued until all fines, fees, penalties, and interest have been paid.
SECTION 12-308. Payment Deadlines and Penalties.
The excise tax imposed by this ordinance is due on the 1st day of each month and must be paid no later than the 20th day of the same month. Failure to file and/or pay on time shall be considered a continuing offense, and each day shall constitute a separate offense. Penalties, fees and interest shall be added to any delinquent tax payment as provided in the Code of Cullman, Alabama, as last amended.
SECTION 12-309. Duty to permit inspection and produce records.
Upon demand, it shall be the duty of all persons selling or distributing consumable vapor products in the corporate limits or police jurisdiction of the City to:
(a) Permit the designee of the City to enter and to inspect all portions of their place or places of business for the purposes of enabling said municipal designee to gain such information as may be necessary or convenient for determining the proper license classification, determining the correct amount of the excise tax, and/or determining their compliance with City ordinances, codes, and regulations;
(b) Furnish information, during reasonable business hours, at the person's place or places of business, all books of account, invoices, papers, reports and memoranda containing entries showing amount of purchases, sales receipts, inventory and other information from which the correct license tax classification of such person may be ascertained and the correct amount of excise tax to which they are subject may be determined, including exhibition of bank deposit books, bank statements, copies of sales tax returns to the State of Alabama, copies of Alabama income tax returns and federal income tax returns. Refusal to provide these documents is a violation of this ordinance.
SECTION 12-310. Penalties for Violations.
Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of up to $500.00 per offense, with each day constituting a separate offense.
SECTION 12-311. No Impact on General Business License Ordinance.
This ordinance does not repeal any part of the City's existing Business License Ordinance. Taxes established herein are additional and cumulative to any other applicable license requirements.
SECTION 12-312. No Retroactive Effect.
This ordinance does not affect violations committed under prior ordinances or the validity of any bond or deposit made under prior rules. All such obligations remain in effect for their prescribed terms.
SECTION 12-313. Effective Date.
This ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2025, following its adoption and lawful publication.
SECTION 12-314. Severability.
Each section, clause, sentence, and paragraph of this ordinance is severable. If any part is found to be illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining portions shall remain in effect.
SECTION 12-315. Repealer.
All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed."
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 29th day of September, 2025. Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 29th day of September, 2025. Woody Jacobs - Mayor

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 Laura Philyaw to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Willow Bend Mortgage Company, LLC, its successors and assigns dated December 5, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on December 6, 2016 in Deed Book 1805, Page 471, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2112, Page 235, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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 30, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number Eleven (11) in Block "B" of Dorrough's Subdivision as East Point as shown and known on the recorded map of said subdivision in Map Book 1, Page 10 (Slide A5) in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **206 County Road 1471, Cullman, AL 35055**.

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.

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, 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. 25-06681AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

NOTICE: Holly Pond Cemetery Clean-up Day
The Holly Pond Homemakers will be doing their fall cemetery cleanup on Oct. 15. If there are flowers or memorials you would like to keep, please pick up before the 15th. Reminder: Only one flower or decoration should be on the ground for each grave. For questions or concerns, call 256-385-2851 or 256-708-3202.

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.

Grief Support: Lost a Loved One Recently? Thinking about the coming holidays?
Come to a six-session support group once a week from Oct 12-Nov. 16, 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, Oct. 3 – 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, Oct. 4 – Men's breakfast; 11 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach cookout
- Sunday, Oct. 5 – 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.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville
- Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.
- Wednesday, Oct 8, 10 a.m.: Hanceville's new Fire Chief Bart Absher will teach about fire safety at story time
- Wednesday Oct 15, 10 a.m.: The art club will be painting little-miniature 5" pumpkins. Bring your real pumpkin in, and we will provide the paint to decorate the face. Contest will be judged by Hanceville City Council and the winner will be announced Oct. 29.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.: Book club
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.: Join us for a Halloween party with activities. Come and take your picture with Dracula
- Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Hanceville celebrates Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival and the library will have the annual book sale

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

Arley's Largest Yard Sale
Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vendor Market at Smith Lake, 6168 County Road 41 in Arley. Sponsored by Arley Women's Club. Parking lot at Dollar General.

Cullman County Fair Parade
Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. through downtown Cullman on U.S. Highway 31, from Sixth Street Southwest to Arnold Street Northwest.

Cullman County Band Exhibition
Saturday, Oct. 4, gates open at 5 p.m.; performances start at 6, at Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium. Nine area marching bands. Admission is $5 for adults and free for kids 6 and younger.

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.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Loaded Barbecue Potato Fundraiser
Thursday, Oct. 16, from 4-6:30 p.m. in the Cullman County Courthouse's south parking lot at 500 Second Ave. SW. Plates are $15 and include a loaded barbecue potato, a drink and dessert. Drive-through. Cash or check only Presale tickets are available at the Commission on Aging office, located at 1519 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

Holiday Haus
Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism will host a Holiday Haus shopping event at the OmniPlex Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17-18, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The event will feature a wide variety of vendors showcasing goods and crafts inspired by every season and celebration. The cost to enter will be $5, and kids 5 and younger get in free. 1634 Field of Miracles Dr. SW, Cullman.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Annual Homecoming
Sunday, Oct. 19, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30 that afternoon. We will have singing featuring Point of Honor. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. We are 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.

Hyatt Family Reunion
Sunday, Oct. 19, from 1-4 p.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center, 195 Fire Station Road, Baileyton, AL 35019. Covered dish lunch.

Cullman Police Department Trunk of Treat
Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. at the police department, 601 Second Ave. NE. Candy, music, police cars, fire trucks, helicopter.

Small Business Christmas Market
The Small Business Christmas Market will welcome dozens of vendors and will take place at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. $3 entry and free parking available. The first 60 shoppers in line will receive a free gift. For more information, contact Shayla Waldner at 256-595-8133 or Shayladenney2018@gmail.com. Get more details at Facebook/Small Business Christmas/Easter Market.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

JENNIFER LEIGH MEAD, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2025- 326

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF JENNIFER LEIGH MEAD, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Carol Sue Mead on the 25th day of September, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Carol Sue Mead, Personal Representative (Administrator),

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sherry H. Barrett
Smith & Smith LLP
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
Phone: (256) 734-4721

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO: AD-2025- 033

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:
DOUGLAS EDWARD CANTER, JR. and CASSANDRA KIMBERLY CANTER

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD K.J.W., DATE OF BIRTH 12/2/2024 BORN TO MARIE MAUS.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY DOUGLAS AND CASSANDRA CANTER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE this the 29th day of September, 2025.

Brandon C. Little
Attorney at Law
Berry, Berry, Little, & Chaney
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of 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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2025-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN KEVIN JACOBS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Abigail Jacobs on September 24, 2025.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 25th day of September, 2025.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 15

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO UNITI FIBER GULFCO., LLC., TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A FIBER INTERNET SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN The City Council of the City of Cullman Alabama ordains:

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND PURPOSE

City intends, by the adoption of this Franchise, to bring about the further development of a Fiber Internet System, and the continued operation of it. Such development can contribute significantly to the communication needs and desires of the residents and citizens of City and the public generally. Further, City may achieve better utilization and improvement of public services and enhanced economic development with the development and operation of a Fiber Internet System. Adoption of this Franchise is, in the judgment of the City Council, in the best interests of City and its residents.

FINDINGS

In the review of the request by the Grantee and negotiations related thereto the City Council makes the following findings:

1. Grantee has substantially complied with the material terms of the current Franchise under applicable laws;
2. Grantee's technical ability, financial condition, legal qualifications, and character were considered and approved in a full public proceeding after due notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
3. Grantee's plans for operating the Fiber Internet System were considered and found adequate and feasible in a full public proceeding after due notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard;
4. The Franchise granted to Grantee by City complies with the existing applicable state statutes, federal laws and regulations; and
5. The Franchise granted to Grantee is nonexclusive.
6. The terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement are attached as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 29th day of September, 2025. Jenny Folsom - President of the City Council

ATTEST: Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 29th day of September, 2025. Woody Jacobs - Mayor

Notice of Public Meeting

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicants listed: Birdie Box LLC, 1929 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055 – Restaurant Alcohol License.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Pursuant to the instructions of the City Council of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:00 PM, where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the rezoning request submitted by property owners Keith Blackwood, John T. Blackwood and Donna Heptinstall for described property below currently zoned B-1 Local Shopping to be rezoned to R-1 Low Density Residential.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN AMENDMENT 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 Keith Blackwood, John T. Blackwood and Donna Heptinstall zoned B-1 Local Shopping, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #2305210041004000/PIN #41902 and Parcel #2305210041002000/PIN #41888 be rezoned to R-1 Low Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   Lots Numbered 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 of Block 13 of T. A. Williams Addition to Gilmore (n Hanceville) Alabama, recorded in the Office of thee Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama in Plat Book No. 1, Page 15.

   Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Block 5 in the townsite of Gilmore, Alabama (Now Hanceville, Alabama) as the same appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

   TRACT ONE: All of Block Four (4) as shown by Plat of Gilmore Land Company, said Plat being recorded in Plat Book One (1) in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. (Being Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Gilmore (now Hanceville), Alabama.

   TRACT TWO: One acre in the NE corner of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, being Block Four (4) of Williams Addition as same is recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. (Being Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of T. A. Williams Addition to Gilmore, Alabama).

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 23rd day October, 2025, at 5:00 PM, 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.

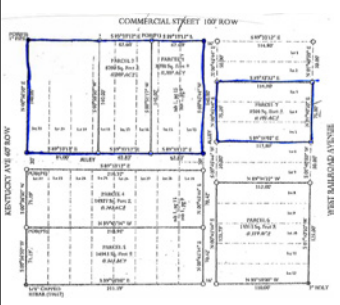
5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

6. **THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,** that the above-described property is now zoned R-1 Low Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to reflect said land as such.

7. This ordinance adopted this the____ day of _____ 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



12th annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest returns Saturday with $15K top prize

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The 12th annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest will take place this Saturday, Oct. 4, offering anglers a chance to compete for big rewards, including a guaranteed $15,000 first-place prize and payouts through the top 40 teams.

Early registration has closed, but anglers may still sign up during the pre-tournament meeting on Friday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. The fee is $200, with an additional $20 cash-only fee collected at the meeting. Attendance at this meeting is required, and at least one angler from each team must be present to receive a boat number ticket.

Competitors may fish solo or with a partner. Parent/child teams will compete in the main tournament but can also qualify for a $500 parent/child prize if they place highest in that category. A $500 Big Fish prize is also included in the entry fee.

New to this year's event is the No Weight Draw, which gives every participant a chance to win — even if their day on the water doesn't go as planned.

"We added a new no weight draw this year, so if your fishing day didn't go as planned, you are still in the running to win some money," said Sara Morgan, marketing and event coordinator for Cullman County Parks and Recreation. The prize for this category is $500.

For more information, call Cullman County Parks and Recreation at 256-739-2916 or visit www.cullmancountyparks.com. Additional information can be found on the Cullman County Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Budget (from Front)

- Cullman City Schools to receive a projected total of $12.05 million in local funding

- **Administration**
  - New or updated software for Administration, Risk Management, IT and Human Resources

- **Public Works**
  - City Garage lower shop renovation
  - City traffic study
  - Application made for $30 million to widen U.S. Highway 278 at St. Bernard Bridge
  - Street paving budget - $2.135 million
  - Downtown Streetscape - $1 million, including $800K TAP grant
  - CDBG Neighborhood Project - $1 million, including $500K CDBG grant
  - Rosemont Avenue and Dripping Springs Northwest improvements
  - Traffic equipment upgrades
  - No rate increase for residential sanitation customers in the city of Cullman
  - Two new garbage trucks and other sanitation equipment
  - Adding one more sanitation driver

- **Public Safety**
  - Seven new police patrol units
  - Adding one more investigator
  - Radio system upgrade and other equipment
  - New pumper truck, rescue truck, command truck and tools for Fire Department
  - Training facility at Fire Station No. 3
  - Dispatch/communications system upgrades

- **Tourism**
  - $7.5 million to develop Lazy River at the water park
  - $1 million to renovate East Side (Lions Club) Park
  - $1 million to renovate Community Theater facility
  - City Tennis Courts improvements
  - Donald E. Green Senior Center improvements
  - Airport apron, hanger, taxi lane construction and improvements, funded mostly through grants

- **Utilities Committee**
  - No rate increase for residential water and sewer customers in the city of Cullman
  - 30-inch water line replacement - $12 million SRF funded
  - Mann Basin sewer improvements - $4.5 million SRF funded
  - Four new service trucks and three new crew trucks
  - Five new crew trucks and new mowing equipment for the right-of-way crew
  - Digester rehabilitation, new pump and chopper pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City's main daily operating costs are paid through the General Fund, while a number of other designated funds cover specific expenses, such as multiple gas tax funds that pay for area road work, an Industrial Purpose Fund that provided capital outlay for land, a Park and Recreation Construction fund for projects like the OmniPlex and park renovations and a Property and Sales Tax fund that goes to local education. This list is not complete.



THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!

Rock the South (from Front)

around 100,000 across all days.

In 2024, The Tribune reported about 50,000 total attendees over three days — significantly lower than the 2023 peak, though differences in counting methods were noted.

Organizers and media have described 2025's event as "record-breaking." However, no publicly audited final attendance figures have been released.

What Decatur brings to the table

Decatur's infrastructure, riverfront appeal and established tourism platforms make it a tempting alternative for a festival seeking growth.

The city boasts Point Mallard Park (500 acres) as a major recreational anchor.

If officials confirm the move, the narrative will likely revolve around Decatur offering better access, lodging capacity, traffic handling and tourism synergy.

The announcement may come with municipal plans for venue development, parking and transportation support and promotional backing from Decatur's tourism and chamber organizations.

Cullman would lose not only one of its largest annual draws, but also the thousands of hotel nights, restaurant visits and sales tax impacts tied to Rock the South.

More importantly, it would mark a shift in cultural identity, since a festival once rooted in Cullman's recovery would have grown beyond the county's borders.

Rock the South may be moving, but the story of Cullman's cultural and economic momentum does not have to leave with it.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

Joseph Tremblay, 92
A funeral mass for Joseph Tremblay, 92, of Hanceville will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7, at Sacred Heart of Jesus of Catholic Church. Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow the service at Christ the King cemetery. Mr. Tremblay was born January 9, 1933, in Ottawa, Ontario to the late Alfred & Eugenie Tremblay. He passed away September 24, 2025, at his residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Mr. Tremblay is survived by his children, Paul Tremblay, Jeanie Roy, and Nadine Tremblay; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Tremblay was preceded in death by his wife, Theresa Burnadette Tremblay; children, Michael Tremblay, Christine Turner, Francine Hunter, and David Tremblay; and many brothers and sisters. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Tremblay family.

Martha Ann Defnall McGinnis, 93
Martha Ann Defnall McGinnis, 93, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on September 26, 2025. Ms. McGinnis was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, on January 12, 1932, to the late Calvin George Hamilton and Ola Mae Pointer Defnall. Ms. McGinnis is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hobert Claude McGinnis; siblings, Albert Defnall, George Defnall, Earnest Defnall, Velma Defnall Riffle, Lois Defnall Beasley, Fred Defnall; grandsons, Jason Dean McGinnis, David "Richard" Roberson, Jr; and special friend, Delma Austin. Those surviving Martha include her children, Rodney and Melody McGinnis, Andy and Darlene McGinnis, Linda and Wayne Trucks, Janey and Wade Grimes; eight grandchildren, Tommy, Tami, Todd, Andreas, Lindsey, Megan, Judd, and Jana; brother, Jimmy Defnall; and a host of great-grandchildren. Ms. Martha was a member of Center Point Baptist Church. She loved spending time with the ladies of the church and considered them dear friends. She enjoyed growing flowers, crossword puzzles, and a good shopping day. Ms. Martha loved her family and enjoyed having them gather in her home. She will be missed by many. Friends are invited to join the family for a graveside service on Wednesday afternoon, October 1, 2025. The family will gather at 2 p.m., in Holly Pond Cemetery, as they lay Ms. McGinnis to rest in a service led by Pastor Jeffery Folds. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the McGinnis family.

Pamela Daun Beard Shaddrix, 59
It is with great love and deep gratitude that we must announce the passing into the arms of her eternal Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Born July 5, 1966, Pam grew up in Hartselle, Alabama. After graduating Hartselle High School, she obtained a B.S. in Math from Birmingham Southern College and an Engineering Degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She then obtained her Juris Doctorate from Cumberland Law School. Her law career was marked with an unmatched work-ethic and determination to serve her clients and their needs as though they were her own. She owned her own firm, but in 2012 she became a partner in Alabama's oldest continuously operating firm Hill Hill Carter in Montgomery. Pam was also an accomplished snow-boarder, lover of rowing and dragon-boat racing, a graduate of the Porsche Track Experience Driving School, and was a PADI qualified scuba-diver. Pam loved her Catholic Faith. The highlight of her week was playing the organ or the piano for the Sacred Heart Elementary School Mass, and the children adored her. She also was a huge proponent of First Source for Women – a local pro-life ministry. Pamela is survived by her husband Matthew D. Shaddrix of Cullman, her mother and step-father – Bonnie and Derwin Teichmiller of Hartselle, father & step-mother – Paul and Joyce Beard of Hartselle, brother Ross P. Beard, niece Chrystalynn Beard, niece Chandler Vicars and husband Will, nephew Cheston Beard and wife Libby and their precious daughter Maude Anna. A Visitation and Rosary will be held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Cullman, AL on Thursday October 2, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Her Funeral Mass will be held Friday, October 3, 2025, at 10 a.m. with interment to follow at the Catholic Cemetery on 8th Street S.E. In lieu of flowers please make a tax-deductible donation to Sacred Heart Elementary School and/or St. Bernard Preparatory School.

Deborah Ann Scott, 72
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Deborah Ann Scott, 72, of Cullman. Deborah passed away October 1, 2025. She was born March 13, 1953, to Billie and Dorothy Nell Dean Davis. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

James "Larry" Grimmett, 67
A funeral mass for James "Larry" Grimmett, 67, of Gardendale will be 11 a.m. Friday, October 3rd at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale. Burial will follow the service at New Prospect cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday October 2nd from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Grimmett will lie in state from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Mr. Grimmett was born November 4, 1957, in Birmingham, Alabama to the late James and Willene Grimmett. He passed away September 30, 2025, in Birmingham, Alabama. James "Larry" Grimmett, of Gardendale, passed away surrounded by the love of his family and friends. Larry lived a full and joyful life, always finding happiness in both the simple and exciting things he loved most. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially cutting grass and taking pride in his yard. Larry had a passion for speed and adventure, whether it was riding dirt bikes and motorcycles or cheering on his favorite drivers in NASCAR. He was also a devoted Alabama football fan, never missing a chance to shout "Roll Tide!" during game days. When at home, Larry found joy in watching Home & Garden TV shows, always getting new ideas for his next project. He especially loved remodeling and improving his house, turning it into a place of comfort and pride. Larry will be remembered for his energy, his passions, and the way he poured himself into the things he loved. His family and friends will deeply miss his presence but cherish the many memories he leaves behind. Mr. Grimmett is survived by his wife, Julie Grimmett; children, Courtney Layfield (Michael), Chase Grimmett (Larissa); granddaughter, Briggs Layfield; siblings, Brenda Steele (Floyd), Deborah Chupp, Teresa Fields (Tim), Doug Hendrix, Robert Grimmett; mother-in-law, Cathy Wellman; sisters-in-law, Pam Montplaisir (Craig), Beth Lindberg (Mike); nieces and nephews, Zach Wigginton (Meghan), Carissa Wigginton, Emily Werely (Brian), Jacob Lindberg, Matthew Lindberg; great nephew, Thomas Werely; and a host of many other nieces and nephews. Mr. Grimmett was preceded in death by his parents, James and Willene Grimmett; and his father-in-law, Robert W. Wellman. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Grimmett family.

Jimmy Dale Wunderlich, 75
Jimmy was born on December 21, 1949, in Ft. Worth Texas. The son of Lt. Col. Charles Van Wunderlich and Marjorie Callahan Wunderlich Heard. He grew up in Vinemont, Alabama and graduated from West Point High School, Class of 1968. Jimmy graduated from Auburn University where he received both his bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded the title of P.E. (Professional Engineer). In 1980, he transitioned from Southern Company to Texas Instruments in Huntsville, Alabama. In 1982, he moved to Norcross, Georgia to work in the Regional Technology Center for Texas Instruments. In the year 2000, he relocated his family to Saco, Maine where he worked for Fairchield Semiconductor Company. Jimmy will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lt. Col. Charles Van Wunderlich and Marjorie Callahan Wunderlich Heard, Step-Mother Kathleen Wunderlich, by his brother, Charles Van Wunderlich Jr., and by his sister Sharon Wunderlich Busbee. He is survived by his wife, Susan M. Wunderlich, by two sons, Jared Alan Wunderlich (Amanda) and Thomas John Charles Wunderlich; by his daughter Theresa Carolone Rose Wunderlich; by five grandchildren, Emma Grace, Ethan Calvin, David Alan, Libya Joy, and Jack Owen; by seven siblings, Stephen Lee Wunderlich (Linda), Richard Earl Wunderlich (Mary), Rebecca Wunderlich Pollard (Bobby), Martha Heard Harris, Vanda Jean Wunderlich Burgeois, Robert Dean Wunderlich (Catherine), Harold Lee Wunderlich (Tammy) as well as a host of nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to come by and join in the Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 18, at Mt. Zion Methodist Church, 17488 Hwy. U.S. 31 N Cullman, AL 35058, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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