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Rock the South officially confirms move to Decatur

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CULLMAN, Ala. — What The Tribune first reported Wednesday, Oct. 1, has now been officially confirmed: Rock the South will leave Cullman for a new permanent home in Decatur.

Peachtree Entertainment announced Thursday, Oct. 2, that the 15th annual Rock the South will take place June 11-13, 2026, at The Fields at Decatur, a 150-acre site that the festival now owns outright.

Organizers said the move marks the start of a bold new era for the event, which began in Cullman in 2012 and has grown into one of the South's largest country music festivals.

"In 2026, we're taking it to the next level," said Nathan Baugh, CEO of Peachtree Entertainment. "Rock the South has always been about more than music; it's about tradition, community and celebrating the South at its best. After 15 years, it was time to create a permanent home that reflects that spirit. The Fields at Decatur gives us over 150 acres of usable space to do it the right way — with the shade, comfort and amenities our fans deserve — and to create even bigger moments than ever before."

Festival Co-Founder Shane Quick noted the deep roots in Cullman while pointing to future growth.

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Oktoberfest continues through Saturday night



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Oktoberfest is happening now and will continue through Saturday evening at Depot Park in downtown Cullman.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Oktoberfest is happening now, filling Depot Park and downtown with the sounds of lively accordion tunes, the scent of warm pretzels and steins raised in celebration. The annual festival honors Cullman's rich German roots. The city transforms into a slice of Bavaria where visitors are greeted by women in colorful dirndls and flower crowns, street musicians strumming accordions and tubas and the glow of a Ferris wheel above the park.

Some festivalgoers will participate in the Hofbräuhaus Experience, a covered biergarten serving Hofbräu München beers alongside nonstop entertainment and Bavarian-style servers.

Goat Island Brewing and Ethos Brewing have joined together to host the festival's largest covered biergarten under the Depot Park Pavilion with craft brews and live music.

For those who prefer centuries-old tradition, the Weihenstephan Festzelt Biergarten brings a direct taste of Germany's oldest brewery.

The Kinderbereich is the largest kids' zone yet, with endless entertainment, including carnival rides, a magical double-decker carousel, contests, games, and a pumpkin walk.

The 110-foot Ferris wheel serves as a beautiful centerpiece to the celebration, offering a stunning view across the festivities and of downtown Cullman.

New this year is the Wuffenplatz, a playful space designed just for dogs and their owners. It includes grassy play areas and a nearby Tito's Bar for refreshments. The Wuffenplatz will also serve as the home of the OktoFURfest Wiener Dog Races, costume contests and more.

The celebration wouldn't be complete without its contests. Visitors can test their skills in the Stein Hoisting competition and brat-eating contests.

The marketplace offers many unique finds from artisan crafts and tasty candies to bratwursts sizzling on the grill and beer poured from some of the finest taps.

The festival will continue into Saturday night. Get more details and a schedule of events at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.

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Senior fun at Oktoberfest!



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 3

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

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

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 29

- domestic violence; College Dr. NE
- domestic violence; CR 1397
- theft of property; 2nd Ave. NW
- criminal mischief; CR 447
- theft of property; CR 847
- criminal mischief; CR 718
- possession of marijuana; reckless endangerment; I65SB MM 302

Sept. 30

- violation of protection order; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- harassment; CR 1341
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; CR 1368
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; CR 1117
- domestic violence; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
- burglary; CR 1502
- theft of property; Beech Ave. SE
- criminal mischief; CR 1203
- trespassing; CR 1684
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- assault; CR 1714

Oct. 1

- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; 2nd St. SW Garden City
- reckless endangerment; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; 9th St. SE Garden City
- violation of protection order; CR 76
- trafficking drugs; Main Ave. SW
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490
- resisting arrest; Hwy. 69N
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S
- harassment; CR 1141
- theft of property; Hwy. 278E

ARRESTS

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1

Adams, Alyssa G.; 25
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – possession of dangerous drugs
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – theft-theft from residence
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – criminal trespass

Barber, Kristy M.; 46
- public intoxication

Bauer, Paci C.; 21
- resisting arrest
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)

Burks, Archie A.; 56
- PAROLE VIOLATION/REVOCATION – manufacture of a controlled substance
- drug trafficking

Burks, Sarah L.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Collins, Sara E.; 20
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- reckless endangerment

Derosier, Jr., Willard N.; 41
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Edwards, Brittany L.; 36
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)

Farr, Shannon W.; 42
- criminal mischief – damaged property
- assault-harassment

Fitzgerald, Shanna M.; 38
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodwin, Karessa D.; 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Harbison, Ann M.; 42
- drug trafficking

Hill, Donald E.; 40
- attempting to elude a police/law enforcement officer-serious injury or death/speed exceeds 20 mph over limit
- reckless endangerment
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hoffman, John; 61
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Isbell, Nick L.; 29
- FTA – reckless driving
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude a police officer

Ivy, Nykiara; 27
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – robbery-street-strong arm
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

James, Latosha M.; 43
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – driving without drivers license

Johnson, Danielle N.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Lochamy, Joseph A.; 25
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lynn, Brent T.; 35
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Nickles, John W.; 54
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Parmer, Christopher D.; 34
- sex offense-electronic solicitation of a child

Rouse, Bradley M.; 48
- FTA – buying/receiving stolen property

Shoemake, Robert G.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tanksley, Sarah A.; 65
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Tubbs, Gerry R.; 50
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Twilley, Natisha M.; 47
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Vandiver, Tracy J.; 51
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Waldrop, Joshua N.; 46
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilson, Jr., Troy C.; 40
- GJ – failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement and/ or comply with residential restriction (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 29
- harassment; person

Oct. 1
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '15 Honda CRV; Cherokee Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 1 – Oct. 2

James, Latosha M.; 43
- FTA – assault-3rd degree

Dennis, Treasure L.; 35
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Twilley, Natisha M.; 47
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Elrod, Tracie D.; 51
- DUI – other substance

Charles, Laura B.; 36
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Bauer, Paci C.; 21
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree (2 counts)

Blankenship, Adam W.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence
- resisting arrest
- assault-2nd degree – on police officer

Willingham, Kayla L.; 32
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Mann, Jacob C.; 29
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – obstructing governmental operations
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – expired tag

Cruz-Carias, Walter E.; 29
- false reporting to law enforcement

Ullrich, John W.; 46
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Man (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A two-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 5:40 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, claimed the life of Hanceville man, according to Alabama State Troopers. They identified the victim as Billy J. Smith, 44.

Troopers said Smith was fatally injured when the Honda motorcycle he was operating was struck by a 2015 Mitsubishi Outlander driven by Michelle L. Caples, 39, of Hayden.

After the initial impact, they said, Smith was thrown from the motorcycle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

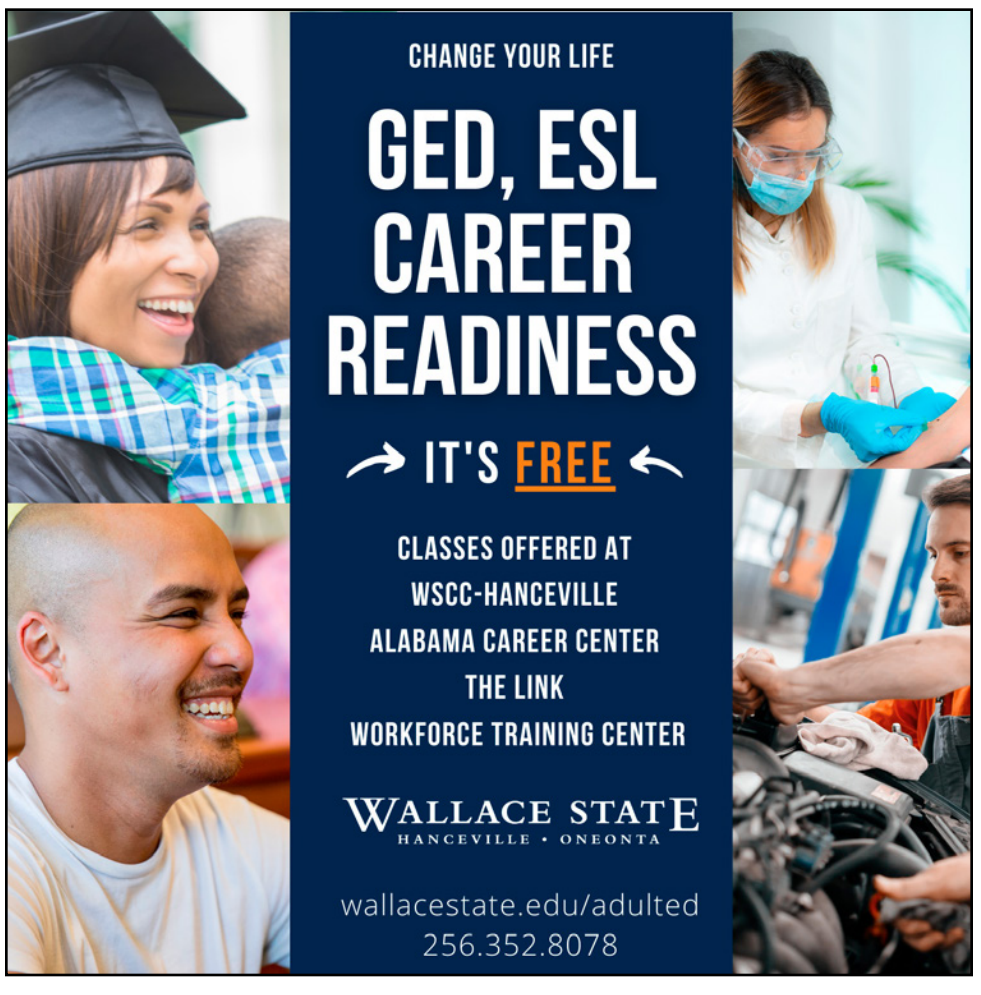
The crash occurred on U.S. Highway 31 near County Road 529, approximately 1 mile south of Hanceville, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.









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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 not too late! Grace Episcopal Church Women Extending Cheeseball Sales Through Oct. 12
Because of continued demand, we are extending cheeseball sales through Sunday, Oct. 12. We have eight delicious flavors to choose from at $11 each. You can purchase your cheeseballs online at www.gracecullman.org or order by calling the church office at 256-734-6212 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 7-9. Cheeseballs will be ready for pick up on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the church. Proceeds from the sale include supporting many well-deserving local ministries here in Cullman.

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
- 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
- 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.

Breakfast and Leadership Inspiration
Saturday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 a.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church, 708 Seventh St. SW, Cullman. Everyone is welcome to join us for a hearty breakfast and a powerful morning of encouragement. Former Alabama football player and team captain, attorney Rod Steakley, will be our guest speaker. Come hungry and leave encouraged! More info: 256-739-8724.

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 Chapter of NARFE Meeting
Monday, Oct. 13, at 11 a.m. at Freddie Days Eats, 1628 Second Ave. NW, Cullman. All active and retired federal employees, guests and annuitant spouses are urged to attend. There will be a private Dutch lunch provided at 11 a.m. Our guest speaker, Jennifer Prosser of United Healthcare, and business meeting will begin at noon. Questions: 256-708-3871.

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.







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COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

West Point sweeps Good Hope to capture county crown

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VINEMONT, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Volleyball Tournament concluded with the championship match Thursday night and for the first time in four years, the county crown is changing hands. West Point dominated Fairview in the semifinals, and the Warriors carried the momentum into the finals, sweeping 4-time defending champion Good Hope to capture the county title.

West Point 3 – Good Hope 0 (25-13, 25-11, 25-17)
West Point got off to a fast start, building an 8-3 lead early in the opening set. The Warriors maintained a 15-9 advantage as the set went on and led 19-6 at one point before sealing a 25-13 win.

West Point's momentum carried into the next set. The Warriors led 6-2 early on and extended the lead out to 11-3. Similar to the first set, West Point led 19-6 at one point before pulling away to secure a 25-11 win in the second set.

The Raiders battled back in the third set, jumping out to a 3-0 lead before West Point climbed back to take a 4-3 lead. Good Hope was able to move back in front 10-6 but the Warriors dominated the rest of the way, putting together a 10-0 scoring run to take a 16-10 lead. West Point pulled ahead 23-14 at one point before sealing a 25-17 win and completing the sweep.

Warriors Head Coach Meagan Cagle is proud of the way her team showed up focused and determined this week and couldn't be happier for a group of girls she loves coaching.

"I'm just so proud. We've really worked on a lot of things and changed some stuff, and this is the best group I've ever coached," Cagle said.

"They're just fun to be around, they're selfless, they're kind and they're always smiling and laughing and having a good time. That just makes what we do so much better. It's a joy to be here, I love being around them. It makes it really sweet because I wanted it for them."

West Point 2 – Good Hope 1 (25-17, 22-25, 15-8) (JV Championship)
The Warriors took a 7-4 lead early in the first set and extended the lead to 14-8 as the set went on. West Point pulled ahead 20-10 at one point and went to claim the opening set 25-17.

Good Hope bounced back in the second set, jumping out to an early, 3-0 lead. The Raiders maintained a 9-4 advantage as play continued and stayed in front 16-12 midway through the set. However, West Point was able to battle back and tie things up at 16 but Good Hope regained control down the stretch and took the second set 25-22 to even up the match.

The Warriors finished strong in the third and final set. West Point led 5-1 early in and moved ahead 10-6 midway through the set before wrapping up a 15-8 win and securing the county title.

ALL-COUNTY TOURNAMENT TEAM
- Charli Aris, West Point (MVP)
- Patton Fell, West Point
- Kenlee Perry, West Point
- Adrianna Owens, West Point
- Caselyn Whatley, Good Hope
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope
- Lexi Marshall, Good Hope
- Reagan Robinson, Vinemont
- Caroline Miller, Vinemont
- Kailyn Redding, Fairview
- Janet Orona, Fairview
- Bella Foust, Holly Pond
- Kelsy Wilson, Cold Springs
- Alexandria Twitty, Hanceville

ALL-COUNTY TEAM
- Charli Aris, West Point
- Patton Fell, West Point
- Adrianna Owens, West Point
- Caitlee Simmons, West Point
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope
- Caselyn Whatley, Good Hope
- Isabella Guzman, Good Hope
- Caroline Miller, Vinemont
- Addison Holcomb, Vinemont
- Blakely Baggett, Holly Pond
- Sadie Nail, Holly Pond
- Kailyn Redding, Fairview
- Allie Light, Cold Springs
- Eden Clements, Hanceville



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Warriors swept Good Hope 3-0 Thursday night to win this year's Cullman County Tournament championship.

- Samantha Perdue Award Winner
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope

CULLMAN COUNTY YOUTH VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS
- Cheyenne Bishop, Cold Springs
- Whitney Quick, Fairview
- Emma Herring, Good Hope
- Bella McAffee, Hanceville
- Ava Thomas, Holly Pond
- Caroline Miller, Vinemont
- Kelsye Will, West Point

JV ALL-COUNTY TEAM
- Kylee Smith, Good Hope
- Lakyn Burgess, Good Hope
- Ella Davis, Good Hope
- Gracie Bates, Good Hope
- Colby Aris, West Point
- Braylee Phillips, West Point
- Reese Guthrie, West Point
- Arleigh Harris, Fairview
- Sophia Sang, Fairview
- Delia Woodard, Vinemont
- Nicole Harris, Vinemont
- Lily Albright, Holly Pond
- Abby Black, Hanceville
- Braylea Prince, Cold Springs

PREP FOOTBALL

Cullman falls at No. 4 Hartselle, 24-0

Sammy Confer
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HARTSELLE, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats hit the road to renew their rivalry with the fourth-ranked Hartselle Tigers Thursday night, and it was a tough night for the black & gold. The 'Cats trailed 7-0 at halftime but the Tigers created some separation and pulled away in the second half to pick up a 24-0 win over Cullman.

Hartselle got the ball to start out the game, and a mixture of the run and the pass quickly got the Bearcat defense in trouble. A pair of third-down conversions helped keep their drive alive, and a seven-yard pass put them at the 19. Three plays later, they scored on a 12-yard touchdown pass to give them an early 7-0 lead.

Weston Keel got a first down on the ground for Cullman, and Colt Colvard found Brooks Loftin for 10 yards and a first down.

Two plays later, Colvard connected with Kolby Holt for 18 yards and another first down, as they put them at the 45. Their offense stalled after that, and they were forced to punt.

A Tiger punt gave the ball back to the Bearcats. They picked up a first down early on in the drive, and Keel collected a pair of first down on the ground, as that put them past midfield at the 48. They quickly went backwards after that, and they were forced to punt. Cullman's defense forced the first turnover of the game, as Kamden Dye recovered a Hartselle fumble at the 20.

A three-and-out by the Bearcats, though, gave the ball right back to the Tigers. Cullman kept Hartselle out of the end zone to end the first half, and they went into the locker room trailing, 7-0.

On the first play of the second half, a huge 33 yard pass from Colvard to Nelson Hollingsworth quickly put the Bearcats at the 47. They quickly got behind the sticks after that, and the Tigers picked off a Colvard pass at the 48. They cashed in off of that turnover in just six plays, as a 15-yard touchdown run gave them a 14-0 lead.

Colvard found Keel for 9 yards on third down to help keep Cullman's drive alive. Their drive stalled after that, and they were forced to punt. The Tigers struck quickly on their next drive, as they scored on a 50-yard touchdown to make it 21-0 late in the third quarter. Hartselle kicked a 25-yard field goal on its next drive to increase their lead to 24-0. The Bearcats were unable to capitalize after that and they ended up falling to the Tigers 24-0.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Bearcats fell to Hartselle on the road 24-0 Thursday night.

Colvard went 8/14 for 80 yards and an interception, Keel finished with 59 yards rushing and Dye recovered a fumble for the Bearcats.

Cullman (1-6) will be back on the road next week to take on Columbia.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State picked up a 3-1 conference win over Enterprise State on Tuesday.

WSCC SOCCER

Lions earn 3-1 conference win over Enterprise State

Wallace State Sports Information

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Lions men's soccer team returned to the win column Tuesday night with a 3-1 conference victory over Enterprise State, keeping their unbeaten conference record intact.

Elijah Wong opened the scoring for the Lions in the first half, finding the back of the net off a perfectly timed assist from Juan Gazga.

Wallace doubled its advantage when Javier Miranda connected on what proved to be the game-winner, slotting home a finish from a setup by Yaya Jawneh.

The Lions capped off their scoring late in the match when defender Sammy Schofield rose to meet a corner kick from Austin Holley, powering in a header for Wallace's third goal.

Enterprise State managed a lone goal, but Wallace State's balance across the pitch made the difference.

Head coach James Fee praised his team's response after recent challenges. "Game went well, we were back to winning ways," Fee said.

"Juan Gazga and Santiago Acosta were both anchors in midfield for us today, winning the ball back and fighting for every second ball."

With the victory, Wallace State improves to 5-1-2 overall and 3-0-1 in conference play. The Lions will look to continue their momentum on Saturday when they travel to face Calhoun at the Jack Allen Recreational Complex in Decatur. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



Angler (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Major League Fishing professional angler Flint Andrew Davis, 22, of Leesburg, Georgia, has been indicted on multiple charges related to the April 16, 2025, boating crash on Smith Lake in Cullman County that resulted in the deaths of Joey M. Broom, 58, of Altoona; John K. Clark, 44, of Cullman; and Jeffrey C. Little, 62, of Brandon, Mississippi.

According to court documents, a Cullman County Grand Jury on Oct. 2, 2025, indicted Davis on three counts of reckless manslaughter, two counts of first-degree assault, one count of reckless operation of a vehicle/vessel, one count of failure to follow boating rules of the road and one count of boating without boating safety certification.

Major League Fishing confirmed the crash happened during the second day of the Tackle Warehouse Invitational on Smith Lake.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker announced the indictments at a press conference on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025. He said Davis was arrested Thursday evening and posted bail.

A visibly emotional Crocker also showed an 11-second video of the crash, which happened on a sunny, clear day. Joining Crocker were Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Senior Trooper Kyle Stephenson and Marine Patrol Chief Matt Brooks.

According to the indictment, the crash happened at approximately 7 a.m. on April 16, 2025, just south of the hazard buoy at Millers Flats on Smith Lake between a vessel operated by Davis and a vessel operated by Gary W. Holcombe.

Also on board the Holcombe vessel were Broom, Little and Luke H. Morgan.

It said Holcombe's vessel was floating in the area between the buoy and shore. Its engine was running, but it was being controlled by the trolling motor that had the spot-lock device engaged while the occupants were actively fishing. Meanwhile, it said, Davis' vessel was traveling west-northwest along the left side of the channel.

While cutting a point, it navigated between the hazard buoy and shore. As a result, the bow collided with the front starboard side of Holcombe's vessel in an angular orientation. It said Davis was traveling at approximately 67 miles per hour at the time of impact.

The force of the impact caused Davis' vessel to override Holcombe's, crossing over it from the starboard bow to the rear port side.

The day after the crash, on Thursday, April 17, 2025, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency released the following information:

One person on board the Nitro Bass Boat:

- Angler Flint A. Davis, 22, of Leesburg, Georgia, the operator, was injured and transported to Cullman Regional in Cullman, for medical treatment

Five people on board the Center Console vessel:

- Gary W. Holcombe, 51, of Cullman, the operator, was injured and transported to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital for treatment
- Luke H. Morgan, 30, of Albertville, a passenger, was injured and transported to UAB Hospital for medical treatment
- Joey M. Broom, 58, of Altoona, a passenger, was pronounced deceased at the scene
- John K. Clark, 44, of Cullman, a passenger, was thrown overboard and pronounced deceased later Wednesday
- Jeffrey C. Little, 62, of Brandon, Mississippi, a passenger, was thrown overboard and pronounced deceased later Wednesday

Rock the South (from Front)

was born in Cullman, and for me it will always be home. Moving to Decatur is not about leaving those roots behind; it's about building on them," he said. "After more than a decade of unforgettable moments, we now have the chance to take everything fans love about this festival and make it even bigger."

The press release highlighted several upgrades fans can expect at the new site:

- Over 150 acres designed for comfort and flow
- Expanded campgrounds with professional drainage
- New shaded areas and fan hangouts
- Enhanced VIP sections and new experiential zones
- A second stage presented by Raised Rowdy for the first time

Decatur leaders welcomed the announcement with Mayor-Elect Kent Lawrence stating, "I am so excited that Rock the South is coming to Decatur! This premier country music festival will be an event our citizens can truly enjoy, while also attracting visitors from across the country to experience all that our great city has to offer."

Kyle Demeester, CFO of the City of Decatur, added, "Hosting The Biggest Party in the South at The Fields at Decatur not only brings an incredible experience to our community and region, but also showcases the potential of this property as a premier destination for future growth and development."

While Decatur prepares for its new role, organizers emphasized that Cullman remains part of the festival's story. The event will continue to support charities in both Decatur and Cullman.

Cullman officials issued their own statement reflecting on the festival's run.

"Rock the South has been a tremendous event in Cullman for 14 years and we are certainly disappointed the musical festival is leaving our community," Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said.

"We are proud that Cullman played a role in growing the festival billed as the Biggest Party in the South to a point where a new permanent location was needed.

"I anticipate Decatur will experience the same great benefit the festival meant for Cullman," Jacobs added.

Over its 14 years in Cullman, Rock the South reported a $150 million economic impact and donated more than $2 million to local charities.

The festival brought some of the biggest names in music to Cullman and spotlighted the city and Alabama on a national stage. It outgrew its original site at Heritage Park, expanded from two to three days and eventually outgrew the 90-acre York Farm that has hosted recent years, prompting the move to Decatur's 150-acre venue.

The Tribune noted earlier that every indicator pointed toward a move, even before Thursday's official confirmation. With this announcement, Cullman's 14-year run as host city comes to an end, and Decatur takes the stage.

Fans can view renderings of the new site and register for presale ticket access at www.RockTheSouth.com. The full 2026 lineup will be announced in the coming months.

Rock the South: From beginning to the end in Cullman

- 2012 – Rock the South is founded in Cullman as a one-time celebration after the 2011 tornado recovery
- 2013 – The festival becomes an annual event, drawing increasing crowds to Cullman
- 2014-2018 – Rock the South grows into one of the South's premier country music festivals, bringing in major national acts and tens of thousands of fans each year
- 2019 – Ownership transitions to Shane Quick and Nathan Baugh under Peachtree Entertainment, with a focus on long-term growth
- 2020 – Festival canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2021-2024 – Rock the South returns but faces weather challenges, competition and mixed attendance figures compared to earlier years
- 2025 – Reports surface, including The Tribune's early coverage, that the festival is preparing to leave Cullman
- Oct. 2, 2025 – Peachtree Entertainment officially announces that the 15th annual Rock the South will move to The Fields at Decatur, scheduled for June 11-13, 2026



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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF STEVEN JEFFREY BYRD, SR. Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-338**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Beatrice Erin Hagemore, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Steven Jeffrey Byrd, Sr., deceased, on the 2nd day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Beatrice Erin Hagemore
Personal Representative

Shelbie G. Hankey
409 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three 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 Estate of * ONZELLE H. DUREN * PC2025-313 Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
AND PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
ONZELLE H. DUREN (SELF-PROVING WILL)

TO: ZACHARY HAYS ABBOT, TYLER HAYS ABBOTT, WYATT HAYS ABBOTT, JASON HAYS ABBOTT AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters Testamentary and Probate of the Last Will and Testament of Onzelle H. Duren (Self-Proving Will)* has been filed the 22nd day of August, 2025, made Court record the 25th day of August, 2025, by Ronald James Akers, Petitioner, by and through Attorney Seth B. Thompson. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters Testamentary and Probate of the Last Will and Testament of Onzelle H. Duren (Self-Proving Will)* has been scheduled for the **2nd day of December, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 24th day of September, 2025.

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

Petitioner's Attorney:
Seth B. Thompson
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-360

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GARY EDWARD HOLLAND, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Taylor Lang Holland on the 1st day of October, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Taylor Lang Holland
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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LISA MCSWAIN, CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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:

Lisa McSwain, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
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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.

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.

Which abutting property owners wish to vacate and abandon.

Cullman County Commission

Jeff Clemons, Chairman

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **Charles A. Bailey and Wife, Rosemary Bailey,** to the United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said mortgage dated June 28th, 2010, and recorded on June 29th, 2010, in Mortgage Book 1628 Page 110 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage(s), will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **5th day of December, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West, being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Southwest corner of said forty; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 07 seconds East 256.82 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set in a branch and the point of beginning; Thence along said branch the following bearings and distances: North 20 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds East 36.11 feet, North 44 degrees 25 minutes 46 seconds East 83.83 feet, North 48 degrees 50 minutes 02 seconds East 55.18 feet, North 76 degrees 00 minutes 14 seconds East 118.13 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 28 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds East 185.60 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence North 89 degrees 18 minutes 07 seconds West 317.08 feet back to the point of beginning. Containing 0.75 acre, more or less. ALSO a 20 foot right-of-way along an existing paved drive the center line of which is described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 4 West; thence South 89 degrees 18 minutes 07 seconds East 256.82 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set in a branch; thence along said branch the following bearings and distances: North 20 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds East 36.11 feet, North 44 degrees 25 minutes 46 seconds East 83.83 feet, North 48 degrees 50 minutes 02 seconds East 55.18 feet, North 76 degrees 00 minutes 14 seconds East 118.13 feet to an iron 1/2 inch capped rebar set; thence South 28 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds East 68.10 to a point in the middle of a paved drive and the point of beginning of the centerline of said 20 foot right-of- way; thence North 69 degrees 42 minutes 01 seconds East 169.47 feet along said drive to a point on the Southwest right-of-way of Alabama Highway 278 and the point of ending of the centerline of said 20 foot right-of-way.

Property address: 2593 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057
Parcel: 18-01-12-0-001-016.006

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

The property is being sold "as is, where is." No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made to the condition of the property, title, or zoning.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to any unpaid taxes and assessments and all other matters of record.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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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 Dauksza, 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
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of CHARLES EDWARD ROBERT HOWARD, Deceased. * **CASE NO. PC2025-351**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Aneda Howard Chandler on September 15th, 2025.

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

Dated this the 2nd day of October, 2025.

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

TO PUBLISHER: ***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.

Done this the 2nd day of October, 2025.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: VIRGINIA FAYE HULSLANDER, Deceased.) **CASE NO. PC-2025-PC 2025**

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY of said deceased having been granted to **MARTY KEITH WADDLE** on the 24th 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/Marty Keith Waddle
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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, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of CAROLYN CURTS MCCRAVY, Deceased.) CASE NO.: PC-2025-249

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration Cum Testamento Annexo having been granted to Brandi McCravy as Personal Representative of the Estate of CAROLYN CURTS MCCRAVY, deceased, on the 25th day of September, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Brandi McCravy
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Carolyn Curts Mccravy, deceased

TO: THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Let's go outside to play

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



At the risk of sounding like an old man, I have realized there is a great difference in how the youth of today entertain themselves and how the youth of my generation did so.

One big difference is that we mostly played outdoors. It was safer to do so back then. Many were the mornings when my mother pushed me out the door with instructions to "Go outside and play and don't be running in and out of this house." She may have even locked the screen door behind me. These days she might be arrested for such behavior. She often told me I was not going to sit in the house all day. Sometimes she said I was getting on her nerves. I remember thinking that I didn't even know where her nerves were, or what they were, so how could I possibly be getting on them. After I became a parent myself, I understood exactly what she meant.

If I made the mistake of saying, "I can't find anything to do," without fail Mama would say, "I'm going to find you something to do." I knew I wasn't going to like what she had in mind. Playing outside, fishing, swimming or even doodling for doodle bugs was much more fun than silking corn or shelling peas!

She would say, "Now go on outside and play and I'll call you when it's time to come eat."

No, she didn't mean she would call me on my cell phone. We had never heard of such things. I did have a pair of battery-powered walkie talkies once, but they only worked occasionally, and never if the other person was more than a few feet away. Mama could stand on the front porch and holler loud enough for me to hear her, so she didn't need a phone or walkie talkie.

If I was not close enough to hear her when she called, I had better have gotten permission to be that far away. I guess that's why she would say, "Don't make me have to call you twice."

It was a probably a good thing we didn't have cell phones because no one answers them on the first call. Mama would not have been happy...and then I would not have been happy.

It was much easier to play outdoors back them because most of our playthings did not have to be plugged up, charged up or even need batteries.

Today's youth mostly have electronic games. They have them on their computers or tablets, but probably more so on their cell phones.

When I was a kid, about the only electronic game I ever had that we played indoors was an electric football game. No, it was not computerized.

It was a flat tin board painted like a football field that vibrated to move little plastic football players downfield...maybe.

Now we have computerized video football that looks like a real game. We didn't have Madden NFL video games, we had the real Madden coaching in the NFL, and we played with a real football in a real backyard.

A young fellow asked me, "Did you not have a PlayStation?" I replied, "I sure did. My playstation was my yard, pond, creek and woods." We did have fortnite back then. We built a nice little wooden fort down by Ivy Creek and we spent many nights there camping and fighting off enemy soldiers.

I must admit that the World Wide Web does have some fun and interesting things to see and play, but even more so does the Wide World Outdoors. Let's go outside!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Oct. 4, 1945

From the files of Oct. 4, 1945

Holly Pond News

Pvt. Kenneth Burgess, who has just finished his basic training in Florida, is spending his furlough here with his parents and will report to California for reassignment on Tuesday.

Pvt. A. J. Thomas recently visited here while on his furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Pinyon, Arlond and Beatrice and Marie and James Horsley of Blountsville were Sunday evening guests of Evonne Reid and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Pruitt are here with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Dunkin for a few days. Taylor has recently received his honorable discharge from the Marines in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Burgess of Gardendale visited relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovi Crumbley of Birmingham have been recent guests of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lommer Lasseter of Birmingham have been recent guests of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Reid and son, Walter, and Mr. and Mrs. George Summers spent Sunday in Anniston visiting Mrs. Summers there.

Mrs. Mary Reid and son Walter are spending this week in Anniston as guests of her mother, Mrs. Summers.

Mrs. Lena Reid spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Patterson.

Walter Shaw spent Friday in Decatur at the cattle show.

Pfc. Harlond Whatley is spending a ten day leave with his parents here.

HANCEVILLE HAPPENINGS

By HAZEL CARSTENSEN

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kelton and children of Birmingham spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibbs.

Miss Wanda Gibbs was the week end guest of Wanda Gibbs.

The children of Cullman were the guests of Mrs. Watson Carter and daughter, last week end.

Mrs. Grady Wiggins, Jr. of Cullman spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Edmondson.

Pvt. Grady Wiggins attended the third birthday party of his brother Wednesday, August 29th. He has received an honorable discharge, but has not yet been home.

Mrs. E. C. Gibbs, Pvt. Grady Wiggins and Mrs. Will Rowe spent the week end in Cullman.

Neil Carter is spending a few days at home on leave.

Sgt. Jack Allred, who has been in Germany, is spending a 30-day furlough with his family.

Mrs. C. Geo. A. Green, Mrs. E. R. Bussinger and little daughter, Eric Page, of Gardendale visited Mrs. Olmen Compton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Land Shaltey Steele and Mrs. Richard Ponder spent Friday in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Compton of Birmingham spent Monday with Mrs. Vann Gibbs.

Mrs. Vann Gibbs attended the funeral of her brother, James B. Kelly.

James B. Kelly spent the week end in Birmingham.

Mrs. Cooper Compton of Birmingham spent Saturday with her mother.

Mrs. John Johnson, who is now in Tokyo on a Detachment, is spending a few days with his parents.

John Allred of Birmingham spent Tuesday with his parents.

Sgt. Muse of Killen has received an honorable discharge from the Navy over three years has received an honorable discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blizzard of Birmingham spent the week end with Mrs. James Kelly and son James Kelly.

Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. D. Norton, State Super High School of the Income Tax were the week end guests of Mrs. D. Norton.

Miss Jessie Rice of Birmingham spent Sunday with relatives.

Miss Jessie Rice of Birmingham has been overseas for over three years and is now on a furlough.

Miss Mary Lou Hammond spent the week end with her parents.

S/Sgt. Earl Chandler spent the week end with his parents.

S/Sgt. Earl Chandler is spending his furlough with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Reatha Chandler and son, John, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Ellisor of Cullman.



POET'S CORNER

Fall | By: Laure-Anne Bosselaar, Santa Barbara, California

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

So it's today, and in the chokecherry this year:
the first leaves turn ochre, there, by the open gate.

I grab the sweater you left on a chair, wrap it
around my shoulders, and—as I did for days last year
until I couldn't keep up with the season—I pick
every single rusting leaf, each fading flower

and hide them in my apron pocket: their crush
clandestine against my belly. It's a simple gift
for you—for us—such an easy thing to do
for a few more days of summer.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

OCT. 4

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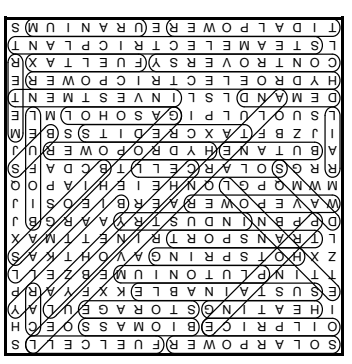
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THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS!







Senior fun at Oktoberfest!

Seniors showed up and showed out for the annual Senior Day at Cullman Oktoberfest on Friday, Oct. 3, 2025. The day included dance contests, bingo, live music and a visit from the Oktoberfest Girls.







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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 2-3

Helen June Sparks, 86
Helen June Sparks, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Helen was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a proud grandmother who cherished every moment spent with her family. A woman of deep faith, she was a dedicated member of her church and lived her life with love and devotion to the Lord. She is lovingly remembered by her grandchildren: Erica Givens (Derrick), Kyle Morgan (Melany), Taylor Morgan, and Carley Morgan; her great-grandchildren: Carolyne Givens, Emily Morgan, and Caleb Morgan. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and stepchildren who will continue to carry her memory in their hearts. Helen was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Carolin Burbank; her parents, Clifford M. and Nollie Davis; her brother, Robert "Bobby" Davis; and her sisters, Jane Turkett Abt and Eleanor "Tootsie" Morgan. A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8817 Co Rd 747, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life service will follow at 2 p.m. Graveside committal will take place at Cullman Memorial Gardens, 1507 Bolte Road SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Helen's faith, warmth, and unwavering love for her family will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her. To leave condolences for the Sparks family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Donald Douglas Lawrence, 70
A Celebration of Life Gathering for Donald Douglas Lawrence, 70, of Cullman will be Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, from 1-3 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Lawrence passed away Thursday, October 2nd, 2025, at his residence. He was born November 8, 1954, to Marlin Thomas & Syble Hansen Lawrence. He was a mechanic and he loved antique cars, and hot rods. He was a hard worker, always helped people, loved fishing, his dogs and all animals. Donald loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Debra Lawrence; son, Tommy Lawrence; daughter, Heather Lawrence; brother, Milton Lawrence; sister, Betty Duke; grand puppies, Bo, Toby and ZZ, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Danny Lamar Talley, 63
Funeral Service for Danny Lamar Talley, age 63 of Baileyton, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Loyd officiating; burial at First Baptist Church of Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 5, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Talley passed away on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the University of Alabama Hospital. He was born April 24, 1962, to Zollie Talley and Jeanette Akin Talley. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include wife, Tanya Harris Talley and a host of family and friends. The following is written by Danny's loving wife, Tanya: Danny was a loving husband and my very best friend. He was the best man you could ever meet. He loved drag racing, car shows, and "Hot Rods". He would build his own race cars from the ground up, happily spending hours in his shop. He also loved his four-legged babies, Bella & Raven so much. He left us too soon and he will be so very missed.

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