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AMRVRC&D makes flag football grant presentation at Wallace State



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A special presentation was made at Wallace State before kickoff of the Lions' flag football doubleheader against Northwest Shoals on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025. In partnership with the Alabama Legislature and the Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council (AMRVRC&D), $50,000 was awarded to the Alabama Community College Conference for the establishment of five women's flag football teams beginning this season. Some of those on-hand for the presentation included Rep. Heath Allbright, R-Holly Pond; Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics; Randall Shedd; AMRVRC&D Director Renona Seibert; and Board Member Cherie Haney.

Cullman Oktoberfest breaks records with 74K visitors



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Members of The Sauerkraut Band are seen in the Cullman Oktoberfest Parade on Oct. 2, 2025. The parade was part of opening night festivities downtown.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Oktoberfest was one for the record books this year. The three-day celebration of German heritage drew an estimated 74,000 attendees, shattering every previous attendance record and setting a new benchmark for community festivals in Alabama.

"This year's Oktoberfest shattered every previous record, welcoming more than 70,000 visitors — an increase of over 25,000 from our prior all-time high," said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "The festival grounds were busy throughout the day, but attendance spiked in the afternoon and evening hours, with Saturday marking the single largest day on record."

Saturday's perfect fall weather and strong entertainment lineup helped drive the surge, with an estimated 42,000 guests attending that day alone.

Anderson said the festival's growing reputation as an authentic and immersive German experience continues to attract visitors from across the region.

"Oktoberfest remains one of Alabama's most family friendly, large-scale festivals, and we take great pride in that reputation," he said. "We're seeing tremendous growth not only in local participation, but also exponential growth in the number of out-of-town visitors, a clear sign that the festival's reputation for authenticity, quality and community spirit continues to reach far beyond Cullman."

Parking, a recurring challenge for any major downtown event, remained a focal point for organizers.

"We're exploring both short-term solutions with nearby property owners and long-term strategies to create additional accessible parking options," Anderson said. "Our goal is to make it easier for guests to experience the festival while preserving the charm and walkability of downtown Cullman."

Even with a nearly 60% increase in attendance, Anderson said operations ran smoothly thanks to the cooperation of local public safety officials, staff, vendors and volunteers.

"Our team, along with the support of local public safety officials, closely study traffic flow, vendor placement and pressure points to continually improve the guest experience," he said. "Despite record attendance, operations stayed smooth and guest feedback remained overwhelmingly positive."

Anderson credited the success to teamwork and preparation.

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Aderholt presents Wallace State's recognition in Congressional Record to Karolewics



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics accepts a copy of the Congressional Record from U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama.

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Ellis, Sharpe named CCBOE/AmFirst Teacher, Staff Member of the Month

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PET OF THE WEEK

Sam, with a heart full of sunshine

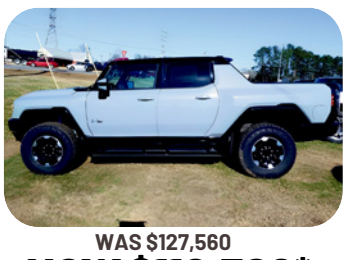


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 8

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 8, 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

INCIDENTS

Oct. 4

• burglary-2nd degree; person; lawn equipment; $868; 4th St. SE

Oct. 7

• theft of property-1st degree; criminal mischief-1st degree; person; '21 Chev. Silverado; Warnke Rd. NW

• leaving the scene of an accident; person; damaged mailbox; $75; CR 1169

• theft by deception; person; cash; $4,497

• identity theft; person

• organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $1,007; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 6-7

Herron, Patrick S.; 37

• GJ – aggravated criminal surveillance (37 counts)

• GJ – tampering with physical evidence

Elliott, Robbie C.; 71

• DUI

Hill, Lakeesha M.; 26

• DUI

Hoagland, Joshua S.; 49

• FTA – public intoxication (2 counts)

Murphy, Jasmine L.; 34

• organized retail theft

• attempt to elude law enforcement officer

Crenshaw, Jamise S.; 32

• organized retail theft

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Mayor Windell Calloway commenced the monthly session of the Baileyton Town Council on Oct. 6. The meeting opened with an invocation led by Councilman Greg Griffin.

The meeting began by recognizing Calloway and Griffin for their numerous years of service.

Mayor-Elect Benny Guthrie presented Calloway with a plaque to honor his years of service to the Town of Baileyton. Calloway served as a Baileyton council member from 2008-2020.

He then transitioned to the role of mayor, where he served through the 2025 election.

Said Calloway, "Thank you to everyone who has helped the last five years especially...thank you."

Next, Calloway presented Griffin with a plaque to commemorate his years of service. Griffin has served as a council member since 2012 and will leave next month when the new council is sworn in.

Calloway stated, "Greg's been on the council for 13 years...I personally want to thank you for everything you've done for the town."

Griffin responded in thanks, stating, "Thank you for allowing us to be of service to the town; it's been a privilege."

Upcoming town events:

• Parkside School Community Breakfast was scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 9, at 8:30 a.m.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Baileyton Mayor-Elect Benny Guthrie (right) presents a plaque to outgoing Mayor Windell Calloway at this month's Baileyton Town Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Outgoing Baileyton Mayor Windell Calloway (right) presents a plaque to outgoing Councilman Greg Griffin at this month's Baileyton Town Council meeting on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025.

• Cullman Caring for Kids will be at Baileyton Town Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 9 a.m.

• Professional development seminar for incoming mayor and council members, TBD

The next town council meeting will be Monday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road.

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NOTICE: Holly Pond Cemetery Clean-up Day
The Holly Pond Homemakers will be doing their fall cemetery clean-up 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
• Friday, Oct. 10 – 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.
• Sunday, Oct. 12 – 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 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
• 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

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.

Sam (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — There's something special about Sam, The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week. At just a year old, this Golden Retriever mix embodies pure joy and endless energy. His smile and uplifting personality have a way of drawing you in, wrapping you in his contagious happiness.

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Sam's adoption fee is $130, 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.

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CULLMAN, Ala. -- Cullman was back home at Bearcat Arena for a varsity match against Brewer Monday night and after senior night ceremonies were finished, the 'Cats battled the Patriots in a hard-fought, five set thriller. Before the opening serve, seniors Ainsley Cameron, Blakely Brannon and Jerriesue Godbee were recognized for the years they've spent in the Cullman volleyball program.

Brewer 3 – Cullman 2 (25-18, 17-25, 27-29, 25-22, 15-13)

Brewer got off to a 5-2 lead early in the opening set and extended that lead to 13-7 as play went on.

The Bearcats battled back and trimmed the lead to 15-12 at one point but they couldn't complete the comeback, and the Patriots took the first set 25-18.

Cullman bounced back in the second set, jumping out to an early, 6-2 lead. Brewer was able to bring the lead down to 10-8 and eventually tie things up at 12 but the Bearcats finished the set strong, outscoring the Patriots 13-5 the rest of the way to secure a 25-17 win in the second set.

The third set was the tightest one yet.

Cullman led 5-2 early but Brewer was able to trim the lead to 10-8 as the set went on.

The Bearcats held a 14-13 lead midway through the set, but the score was knotted at 20 in the late stages.

Neither team would give in down the stretch as they stayed within a point of each of other until the 'Cats pulled ahead 28-27 and spiked the winning point over the net to take a hard-fought third set 29-27.

The next set was tied up at 5 early on but Brewer was able to move in front 9-6.

The Patriots maintained a 16-11 lead midway through the set, but the Bearcats rallied to cut the lead down to 21-19.

However, they couldn't climb back any further than that and Brewer held on to take the fourth set 25-22.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Bearcats fell to Brewer in five sets Monday night.

In the match's fifth and final set, the Patriots built an early, 4-1 lead but the Bearcats were able to tie things up at 5 as play went on.

Cullman pulled ahead 9-6 midway through the set but before long we were all tied at 10.

The score remained knotted at 12 down the stretch but Brewer was able to edge three of the final four points to take the set 15-13 and win a marathon match over Cullman 3-2.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Hanceville drops area match against J.B. Pennington

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs hosted J.B. Pennington for an area match Tuesday night but unfortunately for the home crowd, the Tigers were able to return home with a 3-1 win over the Bulldogs.

J.B. Pennington 3 - Hanceville 1 (25-16, 23-25, 25-21, 25-22)

It was close to start out the first set. J.B. Pennington held a slim 7-4 lead, but back-to-back aces by Bentley Childers helped Hanceville tie things up at seven. The Lady Tigers grabbed a 10-8 lead, but Alex Twitty collected a point to cut it to one. J.B. Pennington, though, went on a 6-0 run to stretch their lead to 15-9. A Childers kill made it a 17-12 contest more than halfway through the first set, but another big run by the Lady Tigers helped them widen their lead to 24-14. They held off a mini rally attempt by the Lady Bulldogs to take the first set 25-16.

The second set saw J.B. Pennington jump out to a quick 4-0 lead and quickly extended their lead to 8-2. Hanceville came roaring back into the game, as Eva Giles (kill) and Childers (ace) helped them cut it to 9-7. Giles collected a kill, and she followed that up with an ace to make it a 14-10 game later in the second set. The Lady Tigers, though, went on another run to give them an 18-12 lead. For the second time in the set, the Lady Bulldogs went on a big run to get back in the game. A pair of aces by Twitty, a point by Josi Jones, and a kill by Childers gave them a 19-18 lead. It went back-and-forth for the rest of the set, but in the end, a late push by Hanceville helped them take the second set 25-23.

The Lady Bulldogs carried that momentum over into the third set, as a pair of kills by Bella McAfee helped them get out to an early 4-0 lead. J.B. Pennington went on a run of their own to cut it to 7-5, but a kill by Giles gave Hanceville an 8-5 lead.

Five straight points by the Lady Tigers, though, gave them a 10-8 lead. It stayed close after that, with neither team holding more than a one-point lead until the end. Twitty's kill gave the Lady Bulldogs a 18-17 lead, but J.B. Pennington collected the next five points to take a 22-18 lead.

McAfee delivered a big kill, and that was followed up with an ace by Eden Clements, as that made it a 22-20 game. The Lady Tigers, though, ended up winning the third set 25-21.

Just like the second set, J.B. Pennington got out to an early 5-1 lead in the fourth set and quickly increased their lead to 9-3. Like they been doing all day, Hanceville battled their way back into the game. Lexi Link delivered a big ace, and Giles finished off their 6-0 run with a point to tie it up at nine. It'd been a battle between both teams through the first three sets, and this set was no different. Hanceville tied things up at 17, but J.B. Pennington scored the next five points to grab a 22-17 lead. The Lady Tigers held a 23-18 lead, but the Lady Bulldogs were far from done, though. Jones collected a kill, and later in the set, back-to-back points by Clements and Jones cut it to 23-22. J.B. Pennington was able to collect the final two points of the set to win the set 25-22 and take the match 3-1.

Hanceville will now start preparing for their upcoming area tournament.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Hanceville Bulldogs fell to J.B. Pennington 3-1 Tuesday night.

Alabama's Brailsford, Jefferson earn SEC Player of the Week accolades

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama's Parker Brailsford and Justin Jefferson each earned Southeastern Conference Player of the Week honors, the league office announced Monday morning.

Brailsford was highlighted as the conference's offensive lineman of the week while Jefferson split co-defensive player of the week distinction. The weekly honors are the first in the careers of both Brailsford and Jefferson, extending the Crimson Tide's total to five weekly awards this season.

Offensive Lineman of the Week
Parker Brailsford

- Directed Alabama's offensive line unit in the Crimson Tide's 30-14 win over No. 16/17 Vanderbilt
- Played all 69 snaps at center
- Graded out at an 88 percent by the UA coaching staff
- Did not allow a sack, pressure or quarterback hit on the afternoon
- Registered a team-high 11 knockdown blocks against the Commodores
- Helped Alabama rack up 486 total yards, including 146 on the ground against the SEC's third-ranked run defense

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Justin Jefferson

- Led the Alabama defense with 14 total tackles against No. 16/17 Vanderbilt
- Registered a team-best nine solo stops and five assisted tackles to go with a sack and a forced fumble
- More than tripled the next-closest tackler on the team
- Jefferson's forced fumble on Diego Pavia came at the UA 13 as Vanderbilt was threatening to take a two-score lead early in the first quarter
- Added one sack (-11 yards) and a forced fumble on the day
- His sack put the Commodores behind the sticks on their final drive of the game, and led to an eventual turnover on downs that ended any comeback hopes
- The turnover led to an eventual touchdown on the Tide's very next drive
- Played a key role on an Alabama defensive unit that limited Vanderbilt to 333 yards of offense and only 14 points, well below their season averages of 494.4 ypg and 49.0 ppg, respectively



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama's Parker Brailsford and Justin Jefferson each earned SEC Player of the Week honors.

Sacred Heart welcomes Burgermeister



LAJUAN TALLO/SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY

Sacred Heart Church was pleased to welcome this year's Burgermeister Mayor Woody Jacobs, center, and his family to its annual German Dinner at the church on Oct. 1, 2025. Welcoming the Jacobs family were Pat Arentz, German Dinner chairman and Carol McTamney, vice-president, Sacred Heart Altar Society.

Sights from the Cullman County Band Exhibition

Check out these shots from this year's Cullman County Band Exhibition, which took place Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025, at Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium.

PHOTOS COURTESY HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE



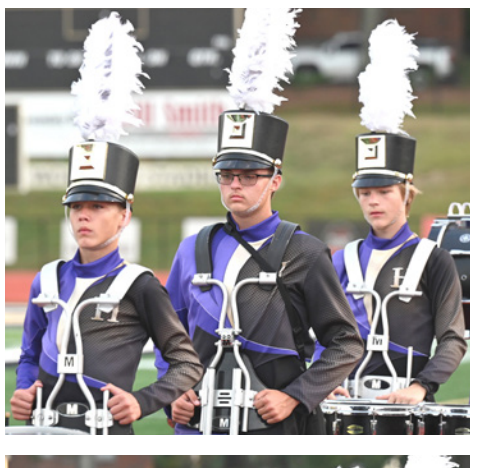


















ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Shirley Burden Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025, hosted Fire Safety Storytime led by Hanceville Fire Chief Bart Absher.

Learning about fire safety at the Shirley Burden Public Library

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 8, hosted Fire Safety Storytime led by Hanceville Fire Chief Bart Absher.

The goal was to educate children about essential fire safety practices through age-appropriate lessons and activities. Absher emphasized the importance of children knowing what to do in the event of a fire.

"The most important thing is that they have working smoke alarms and they know what to do when a smoke alarm goes off. Our message is simple: Get out and stay out. Do not go back inside for any reason," he said.

The storytime included something for every age group. Younger ones received coloring books and participated in interactive discussions, while older kids and adults were provided with more in-depth safety tips. Families were introduced to the idea of designating a safe meeting spot outside where everyone should gather after exiting the home in the event of a fire.

"I can tell kids all day long, but if the parents don't take it seriously, none of it works," Absher explained.

Because the appearance of firefighter gear can be intimidating, Absher described firefighter gear to help the children feel more comfortable in an emergency. Firefighting suits are composed of multiple protective layers that shield against flames, falling debris and extreme heat. The gear also includes breathing apparatuses, which may sound strange to children but are crucial for the safety of others and themselves.

Absher also discussed the most common causes of household fires and how families can be aware of and work together to prevent them.

"Cooking fires are number one. Never put water on a grease fire; cover it with a lid and take it outside," he said. "And candles are a big one. People often leave them out, and pets, especially cats, can easily knock them over. Everything in your house today is made of a petroleum product, which means it burns fast."

Absher also shared what he loved most about his job.

"Serving. Being able to help and serve the community and make a difference," he said.

He said he hoped families were able to take away valuable, life-saving information from the day's event and be motivated to create a plan in the event of an emergency. Fire Safety Storytime was part of a larger effort to raise awareness during Fire Prevention Week.

Records (from Front)

succeed because of an incredible team effort," he said. "Our Oktoberfest committee, vendors, sponsors and community volunteers are the backbone of the festival. Their dedication, combined with the passion and professionalism of our CPRST staff, ensures every detail, from décor to logistics, reflects authenticity and excellence."

The impact extends far beyond the festival grounds. According to Anderson, Cullman's trio of major festivals — Oktoberfest, Christkindlmarkt and the Alabama Strawberry Festival — generated an estimated $40 million in economic impact over the past year.

"Many downtown retailers reported record-breaking sales days, while visitors filled local hotels and restaurants," he said. "These festivals don't just drive tourism — they fuel local business growth, strengthen community pride and showcase the vibrancy of Cullman's downtown."

Mayor Woody Jacobs, who served as Burgermeister, said this year's Oktoberfest captured the spirit of the city.

"As Burgermeister, it was incredible to see the joy and pride that Oktoberfest brings to our community," Jacobs said.

"The streets were filled with families, friends and visitors from all over who came to celebrate Cullman's heritage and hospitality. What makes this event so special is how it continues to grow while staying true to its authentic German roots. I couldn't be prouder of our community, area businesses, our volunteers and the entire CPRST and City team for making this year's Oktoberfest the most successful in our history."

Anderson closed by expressing gratitude for the City's continued support.

"We're incredibly grateful for the leadership of the City of Cullman, our generous sponsors and the local businesses that help extend the festival spirit throughout downtown," he said.

"Together, they've helped position Cullman as one of the South's premier destinations for authentic, family friendly festivals."



LEGALS

NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12 VOTERS

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in House District (HD) 12, Cullman County, Alabama, on THURSDAY, October 16, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Pursuant to *Ala. Code §17-8-9 (a)* all election workers selected by the Appointing Board to work in this Special Election are required to attend.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12 VOTERS

There will be a PUBLIC TEST held for the Precinct Ballot Counter to be used on October 28, 2025, in the Special General House District 12 Election.

The public test will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm at the Cullman County Court Referral Building, 2051 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: CULLMAN COUNTY HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12 VOTERS

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held for House District (HD) 12, Cullman County, Alabama, on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025. The following office will be on the ballot:

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT NO. 12

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

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- 053

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

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 (Nov 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.

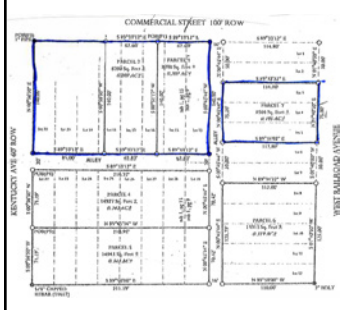
5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

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



NOTICE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS
HOUSE DISTRICT (HD) 12

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

TO THE PROBATE JUDGE OF SAID COUNTY AND STATE:

We, the undersigned, constituting the Appointing Board of Election Officials of Cullman County, Alabama, hereby certify that this is a true and correct list of the Election Officials to hold a Special General House District 12 Election, on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

Absentee Box

Susan Richardson	Inspector
Lisa Andrews	Chief Clerk
Debbie Nelson	Clerk
Debra Strickland	Clerk

Arkadelphia Fire Department — Precinct 7

Kristy Gable	Inspector
Diane Boyd	Chief Clerk
Susie Curtis	Clerk
Leon Smith	Clerk

Baldwin Family Life Center — Precinct 33

Bonnie Marty	Inspector
Ginger Laws	Chief Clerk
Patricia Moore	Clerk
Caiden Rodgers	Clerk

Beat 8 Community Center — Precinct 8

Carolyn Calvert	Inspector
Frankie Williams	Chief Clerk
Rita Light	Clerk
Julie Mauldin	Clerk
Barbara Woods	Clerk

Bethel Community Center — Precinct 14 Box 2

Lyrie Joe Kent	Inspector
Patricia Kent	Chief Clerk
Phillip Fincher	Clerk
Denise Striker	Clerk

Bethsadia Fire Department — Precinct 13

Michael Brown	Inspector
Sandra Rhodes	Chief Clerk
Wendi Crum	Clerk
Anita Kilpatrick	Clerk
Maxie Rhodes	Clerk

Bolte White Grove Church — Precinct 36

Ben Jester	Inspector
Stanley Sandlin	Chief Clerk
Sandra Peppers	Clerk
Robin Sandlin	Clerk

Bremen Fire Department — Precinct 10

Donna Calvert	Inspector
Avery Dooley	Chief Clerk
Freda Dooley	Clerk
Jean Shelton	Clerk

Brushy Pond Community Center — Precinct 26

June Campbell	Inspector
Tim Blik	Chief Clerk
Beverly Mullenix	Clerk
Philip Mullenix	Clerk

Cold Springs Community Center — Precinct 9

Ann Freeman	Inspector
Debra Graves	Chief Clerk
Laurita Hogland	Clerk
Kay Lenard	Clerk

Colony Education Complex — Precinct 6 Box 2

Gwendolyn Purifoy	Inspector
Evelyn Timmons	Chief Clerk
Margaret Dimbo	Clerk
Mervin Green	Clerk
Kim Twitty	Clerk

Courthouse Conference Room — Precinct 1 Box 6

Toby Monts	Inspector
Rachel Monk	Chief Clerk
Donna Hope	Clerk
Donna Miller	Clerk

Crane Hill Fire Dept Comm Bldg — Precinct 12

Callie Garmon	Inspector
Alice Burrow	Chief Clerk
Roberta Calvert	Clerk
Kathy Davis	Clerk
Jan Williams	Clerk

Cullman City Hall — Precinct 1 Box 5

Seth Thompson	Inspector
Catherine Haggard	Chief Clerk
Shannon Berse	Clerk
Charlotte Slatton	Clerk

Cullman County Health Dept. — Precinct 34

Dale Moody	Inspector
Richann Clay	Chief Clerk
Diane Smothers	Clerk
Mark Smothers	Clerk

Cullman Office Bldg (Basement) — Precinct 1 Box 4

Susy Stokes	Inspector
Judy Boike	Chief Clerk
Joan Calvert	Clerk
Rita Kelley	Clerk
Jason Murphree	Clerk

Dodge City Community Center — Precinct 2 Box 2

Heather Langley	Inspector
Heaven Rivers	Chief Clerk
Jerry Langley	Clerk
Pat Windsor	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center — Precinct 1 Box 1

Linda Romine	Inspector
Mark Aderhold	Chief Clerk
Becky Kirk	Clerk
Johnny Kirk	Clerk
Patricia Marsh	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center — Precinct 1 Box 2

Rebecca Parker	Inspector
Debra Reynolds	Chief Clerk
David Abney	Clerk
Emily Abney	Clerk

Donald E. Green Senior Center — Precinct 1 Box 3

Robert Allison	Inspector
Brenda Allison	Chief Clerk
Nina Davis	Clerk
Katelyn Dooley	Clerk

Garden City Town Hall — Precinct 4

Cherrie Haney	Inspector
Mary Swann	Chief Clerk
Marcia Pender	Clerk
Gail Thomas	Clerk

Good Hope City Hall — Precinct 2 Box 1

Roger Gentry	Inspector
Wendy Waldrep	Chief Clerk
Tammy Howard	Clerk
Lori Leusby	Clerk
Cynthia Shabel	Clerk

Grandview Community Center — Precinct 29

Linda Pace	Inspector
Helen Dunn	Chief Clerk
Sue Carol Livingston	Clerk
Laura Reeder	Clerk
Brenda Wilkinson	Clerk

Jones Chapel Fire Department — Precinct 15

Ellen Pigg	Inspector
Karen Hale	Chief Clerk
Phyllis Little	Clerk
Connie Mcminn	Clerk

Logan Fire Department — Precinct 14 Box 1

Elaine Johnson	Inspector
Charlotte Brock	Chief Clerk
William Fisher Jr	Clerk
Vicky Fisher	Clerk

Moody Town Union Hill Church — Precinct 6 Box 1

Christy Gamble	Inspector
Terry Lee Gamble	Chief Clerk
Wanda Mahaffey	Clerk
Kerri Wigley	Clerk

Stouts Mountain Baptist Church — Precinct 5

Randall Waldrep	Inspector
Leann Waldrep	Chief Clerk
Ronnie Chamblee	Clerk
Jane Chamblee	Clerk
Royce Russell	Clerk

Trimble Fire Department — Precinct 11 Box 1

Brenda Twilley	Inspector
Wanda Woody	Chief Clerk
Kim Barelare	Clerk
Bruce Whitlock	Clerk
Beatrice Whitlock	Clerk

Valley Grove Community Center — Precinct 11 Box 2

Connie Baker	Inspector
Cindy Knight	Chief Clerk
Harold Brown	Clerk
James (Butch) White	Clerk
Leanna Wood	Clerk

White City Community Center — Precinct 27

Candy Reeves	Inspector
Beverly Wright	Chief Clerk
Frances Boike	Clerk
Mark Reeves	Clerk

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

Matt Gentry, Sheriff

Signatures on file in the Probate Office.

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.

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LARRY DOUGLAS ODEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2025-335**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to DONNA W. ODEN as Personal Representative of the Estate of LARRY DOUGLAS ODEN, deceased, on the 7th day of October, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Donna W. Oden
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DEBORAH MCCANN, Plaintiff,
vs. CASE NO.: CV-2022-900110.00
GINO ADAMSON, Defendant.

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on the final settlement of the Estate of Myrtie M. Adamson, deceased, has been set for the 4th day of **November, 2025,** at **9:00 a.m.** before Gregory A. Nicholas, Circuit Judge, Cullman County, Alabama and located at Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

All persons interested in this estate may appear at said time and place and contest the same, if they see proper.

DONE this 6th day of October, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court
500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 303
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk of Cullman County, Alabama.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MCCAN DEBORAH, Plaintiff,
V. Case No.: CV-2022-900110.00
ADAMSON GINO, Defendant.

ORDER

Based on the motion submitted, it appears that all issues have been resolved and the parties are ready to proceed to final settlement. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the personal representative of the above styled estate shall make a final settlement of the estate as required by law. It is further ORDERED that a hearing is hereby set for November 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the final settlement. Notice of the date, time and place for the hearing shall be given by the Personal Representative to all persons entitled to receive notice and shall also be given by advertisement for three successive weeks in a newspaper published in this county or as otherwise provided by law. In the event waivers and consents to final settlement are obtained from all necessary individuals, the order of final settlement will be signed immediately without the necessity of a hearing pursuant to § 43-2-506 Ala. Code.

DONE this 15th day of September, 2025.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 7-8

Jane Lula Hill, 79
Graveside service for Jane Lula Hill, 79, of Arab, will be at 1 p.m., Friday October 10, 2025, at Welcome Baptist Cemetery, Rev. Junior Wolfe officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hill was born February 7, 1947, to Clyde and Evelyn Duke. Jane was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church in Hanceville. She loved football and loved to cook and fellowship with her many friends. Heaven is rejoicing with the receiving of a new angel. She was a kind woman and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Hill was preceded in death by parents; and her husband, Lavoyte Hughes Hill. Survivors include her son, David Hill; 2 grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

Barbara Jean Graves, 86
Funeral service for Barbara Jean Graves, 86, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Shelton Grove Baptist Cemetery, Bro. Tim Aris officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11-1 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Barbara passed away Monday, October 6, 2025, at her residence. She was born January 28, 1939, to Bennie C and Trilba Swann Graves. Barbara was a great mother and grandmother. She was a hard worker, great cook and a precious Southern Belle. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Joey Lowery, Michael Parker; sister, Pauline Whaley; brothers, Theodore Graves, Billy Graves. Survivors include her sons, Richard (Mira) Parker, Bryan (Felisha) Lowery, Heath (Cheryl) Lowery; brother, Gary (Bobbie) Graves; sister, Ellen Hogeland; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jerry Hogeland, Terry Hogeland, Dennis Hogeland, Timmy Graves, Michael Graves, Ethan Graves. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Judith Trucks McBrayer, 72
In loving memory of Judith McBrayer, born January 10, 1953, in Jefferson County, Alabama. She passed away on October 6, 2025, at the age of 72. Grand Judy – When we remember Grand Judy, certain words rise to the surface. Disney. Elvis. Christmas. Jesus. Not necessarily in that order – because she lived them all at once. Her faith in Jesus gave her peace, joy, and a childlike trust that everything would be okay. You could feel it in the way she encouraged, in the way she loved, in the way she always brought light into the room. Her love for Disney showed up everywhere – Mickey Mouse on the shelves, artwork on the walls, little reminders of wonder tucked into every corner. With her, life always had a touch of magic. She delighted in Elvis – his music, his movies, the nostalgia and fun of it all. It was another way she embraced joy, with a smile and a song that never grew old. And then there was Christmas. Nobody did Christmas like Grand Judy. The decorations sparkled, the games she planned made us laugh until our sides hurt, and the gatherings became memories we'll carry forever. She didn't just celebrate a holiday – she created an experience, every single year. And of course – the birthday cookies. Her way of saying, You matter. You are loved. Simple, sweet, unforgettable. She was faithful, creative, crafty, and kind. She was a daughter, a mother, a grandmother, a sister, an aunt, and a friend. She was steady love wrapped in laughter, magic, and faith. When we think of Grand Judy, we'll always remember the sparkle of Disney, the sound of Elvis, the joy of Christmas, and the faith of Jesus – woven together in the life of a woman we'll never forget. Judy is preceded in death by her parents, Billie Trucks, Jr and Ira Belle Trucks, as well as her husband, Phillip McBrayer. She is survived by her son, Jason McBrayer (Tammy); daughter, Ashley Prater; grandson, Brooks Prater; granddaughters, Adison Cordes (Ian), Kortney Knight (Codey), Savannah Woods (Orey); brother, Wayne Trucks (Linda); great-grandchildren, Scarlett Cordes, Mary Klaire Knight, Campbell Knight, Kayden Smith, Riker Cole; niece and nephews, Tommy Trucks (Angela), Tami Starnes (Steve), Todd Trucks (Angela); life-long friends who were loved like sisters, Jimmie Lynn King, Donna Curl, Pam Battles, Theresa Dobbins; and a host of loving family. The McBrayer family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Gentiva Hospice family, and nurse Sam, for the compassionate and skilled care that was given to Ms. Judy. Ms. Judy will be laid to rest in a private service at Center Point Baptist Church Cemetery. A Celebration of Life service will be held at Loft 212 on Sunday, October 12, 2025, beginning at 3 p.m. All those who knew and loved Ms. McBrayer are invited to join the family as they remember the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the East Elementary or the West Elementary Arts Departments in memory of Judith McBrayer. Obituary lovingly provided by the McBrayer family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Patricia Ann Davis, 70
Patricia Ann Davis, age 70 of Cullman, Alabama passed away October 5, 2025. Patricia was born December 17, 1954, in Birmingham, Alabama. Patricia is preceded in death by her husband James Onnie Davis and son Wayne James Davis. She is survived by her daughter Ashlen Davis, brother Donny (Sissy) Myers, grandchildren Colten Wallace, Gabriella Wallace, Millie Wallace, and Tatum Davis, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family. Patricia will be remembered as a loving and dedicated caregiver to many and will be missed dearly. There are no services to be announced at this time. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Thomas 'Tommy' Howard, 81
Funeral Service for Thomas Alan Howard, age 81 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Todd Henderson officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Thomas Alan Howard, age 81, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday October 5, 2025, after a courageous journey with Alzheimer's disease. Born on October 14, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama, he was the beloved husband of Gwenda Lowery Howard for 48 years, a devoted father and friend to many. Tommy was known for his giving nature, strong work ethic and his love for fishing and hunting. He was a proud Eagle Scout and enjoyed his time spent in the National Guard as a helicopter mechanic. He spent his career as a petroleum marketer. Tommy was active in civic and professional affairs, serving as president of the Alabama Oilman's Association. Regional Director and Board of Directors for the Petroleum Marketers Association of America. He also was Co-Founder and Vice Chairman of Alacomp, and he was a founding partner of Business Insurance Group. Beyond his professional life, he gave generously of his time to his community serving in various roles with the Rotary Club, Airport Board, Chamber of Commerce and many other community organizations throughout his life. Tommy is survived by his sons, Chad (Stacy) Howard & Alan Howard, his grandchildren, Gage, Cooper & Piper Howard. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gwenda Howard, sister, Rachel Trinchitella and parents, Bonnie and Conrad Howard.

Fulton Gene Mauter, 90
A Graveside Service for Fulton Gene Mauter, age 90 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025, at Mount Zion Cemetery with James Fields officiating; burial at Mount Zion Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Mauter passed away on Monday, October 6, 2025, at Cullman Regional. He was born January 20, 1935, to Clifton Mauter and Jewel Westbrook Mauter. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Randy Mauter and sister Wilma Mauter Survivors include his wife, Sarah Mauter; daughter, Robin (Lee) Stewart; sons, Ron (Kelly) Mauter and Rodney (Tracey) Mauter; grandchildren, Chris (Emme) Stewart, Kevin Stewart, Stacie (Andrew) Parker, Cody Mauter, Carter (Katherine) Mauter, Callahan (Danielle) Mauter, Brooke Quinn and Carter Quinn; 7 great grandchildren and his brother, Steve Mauter.

Ruben Lincoln Tolbert, 73
Visitation for Ruben Tolbert, age 73 of Logan, will be from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Tolbert passed away on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at his residence. He was born April 8, 1952, in Decatur, AL to Willie Roy Tolbert and Ruth Tucker Tolbert. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, John Anthony Monfort; granddaughter, Tala Smith, and brother, Roy Dale Tolbert. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Wanda Tolbert; sons, David Tolbert (Connie), Josh Tolbert (Mary) & Adam Tolbert (Marie); daughters, Tiffane Monfort (Tony), Catessa Griffin; grandchildren, Kimberly Tolbert, Bailey Tolbert, Myles Tolbert, Isaac Tolbert, Kristopher Monfort, Bryson Monfort (Maddi), Brennex Monfort, Baylor Monfort, Blakely Monfort, Millie Monfort, Destiny Oden (Robert), Tray Griffin, Shailynn Griffin, Houston Griffin, Tucker Oden, Riley Oden, Aubree Tolbert & Scarlette Tolbert.

Dorothy Lee Burleson, 95
Dorothy Lee Burleson, age 95, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Monday, October 6, 2025. Dorothy was born on September 26, 1930, in Bakersfield Missouri to Fred and Iola Shanks Hicks. Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband: Tom Burleson and her parents. A celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Friday October 10, 2025, at St. Andrews Global Methodist Church at 1 p.m. with Pastor Robert Lancaster officiating. Dorothy will lie in state for one hour prior to the funeral at the church. Interment will follow the funeral service in Cullman City Cemetery. Dorothy is survived by 2 sons: Mike Burleson and Tim Burleson, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and a special friend: Lisa Bishop. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at Moss Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Aderholt presents Wallace State's recognition in Congressional Record to Karolewics

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics was recently honored by U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, who presented her with a copy of the Congressional Record from the 119th Congress that recognizes the college's outstanding achievements and national distinction.

"I am truly honored to receive a copy of the Congressional Record entry by Congressman Aderholt on behalf of Wallace State," Karolewics said.

"We have certainly had a wonderful year at the college with our distinction as a Rising Star by the Aspen Institute, setting records for enrollment and seeing hundreds of students cross the stage in graduation ceremonies."

Wallace State was named one of the Top 3 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute, earning the Rising Star designation in the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

It also became the first Alabama community college ever selected as a finalist for this prestigious award.

Karolewics also testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health & Human Services and Education at the invitation of Aderholt, chair of the committee.

The hearing, titled "Career Ready Students: Innovations from Community Colleges and the Private Sector," examined how community colleges and industry partners are preparing students for high-demand careers.

In part, the record reads: "Under the leadership of Dr. Karolewics, who has served as the president since 2003, Wallace State has become a national model for excellence, innovation, and service.

"Student outcomes far exceed national averages, with graduation, persistence, transfer and job placement rates among the best in the country.

"I commend Wallace State Community College and Dr. Vicki P. Karolewics for their impact on the students, communities, and the State of Alabama, and I congratulate them on this well-deserved national recognition."



Samantha Perdue award honors excellence on and off the court

Mandy Redding
Cullman County Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — Each year at the Cullman County Volleyball Tournament, a special award is presented to honor a remarkable young woman who left an enduring mark on the sport and in the lives of those around her—the Samantha Perdue Award.

Samantha Perdue's journey in volleyball began as a setter for Cold Springs High School, where she graduated with pride and passion for the game. After graduating from college, she returned to Cold Springs to share her love for volleyball as a coach under Varsity Coach Linda Henderson. Later, Samantha continued coaching as the Junior Varsity coach at Good Hope High School, where she worked alongside Varsity Coach Rosemary Brown.

Samantha's time at Good Hope was marked by both triumph and trial. During that season, she received the devastating diagnosis of cancer, yet her resolve never wavered. Under her leadership, the Junior Varsity team went on to win the County Championship. Even while undergoing treatments, Samantha showed up for every practice and game, encouraging her players with a smile and giving her all to the sport she loved. Shortly after that season's county tournament, she passed away, but the example she set continues to inspire all who knew her.

Coach Rosemary Brown described Samantha as "a leader, dedicated, passionate, a great friend, motivator, and encourager. The kids wanted to play for her, and she always got the best out of them."

After her passing, the volleyball coaches of Cullman County decided it would be a fitting tribute to Samantha to honor a young woman each year who demonstrated those same characteristics of excellence, character, and leadership. Out of that decision, the Samantha Perdue Award was created.

Each year, the award is presented to a senior volleyball player during the county tournament in recognition of excellence in academics, strength of character, leadership, and dedication to the sport of volleyball.

This year, the award was presented to Campbell Koch of Good Hope High School, who exemplifies the qualities that Samantha lived out both on and off the court.

Through this annual recognition, Samantha's legacy continues to inspire players, coaches, and fans alike—reminding us all that true excellence goes far beyond the scoreboard.



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Good Hope's Campbell Koch was presented with the Samantha Perdue Award at this year's County Volleyball Tournament.

Month (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools recently named Tiffiany Ellis and Melanie Sharpe September Employees of the Month.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Tiffiany Ellis
Good Hope High School

Tiffiany Ellis teaches English at Good Hope High.

"Mrs. Ellis does a tremendous job in her classroom and truly loves her students," said Principal Jyme Jennings. "She goes above and beyond to help her students feel appreciate and let the know they matter."

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Melanie Sharpe
Vinemont Middle School

Melanie Sharpe is the secretary at Vinemont Middle.

"Melanie fills so many roles besides being secretary," said Principal Todd Johnson. "She does an amazing job of customer service and assisting teachers, students and administration, and is very deserving of this award."

Cullman County Schools thanked AmFirst for donating a $100 gift card to each Employee of the Month.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured with students, left to right, are Emily Moss/AmFirst Cullman teller, Beverly Cochran/AmFirst membership development manager, Dr. Shane Barnette/Cullman County Schools superintendent, Tiffiany Ellis/AmFirst Teacher of the Month, Jyme Jennings/Good Hope High principal and Preston Boyd/Good Hope High assistant principal.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Pictured left to right are Emy Hogland/Vinemont Middle assistant principal, Todd Johnson/Vinemont Middle principal, Melanie Sharpe/AmFirst Staff Member of the Month, Dr. Shane Barnette/Cullman County Schools superintendent, Beverly Cochran/AmFirst membership development coordinator and Emily Moss/AmFirst Cullman teller.

