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Reward for local woman missing since 2009 increases to $20K

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local woman Tabitha Lynn Franklin has been missing since Aug. 13, 2009. Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025, announced through social media that the reward in the case has been increased to $20,000, thanks to an anonymous donor.

"The Governor's office has posted the maximum $10,000.00 reward for information leading the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for Tabitha's disappearance," the post said, in part.

"After consultation with the Governor's Office and (Cullman County) Sheriff Matt Gentry, I am announcing that this reward is being doubled to $20,000.00 thanks to an anonymous donor who wants justice for » PAGE 5



CULLMAN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Tabitha Lynn Franklin

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Cullman City Council bids farewell to Johnny Cook

Council adopts transportation plans and pay incentives for fire and police



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Outgoing Councilman Johnny Cook was accompanied to his last council meeting by his family on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday said goodbye to longtime Councilman and President Pro Tem Johnny Cook. Cook, who lost his re-election bid earlier this year, will be on a mission trip out of the country when the current council holds its last official meeting on Thursday, Oct. 30. The councilman spoke fondly of the council's accomplishments during his tenure, and of the friendships he built along the way.

Said Cook, "I just wanted to thank all the citizens of Cullman for trusting me and allowing me to serve for the time I did. It was an honor and a pleasure.

"I want to thank the mayor and all his council members, all the previous council members the mayor worked with.

"In the infamous words of Coach (Andy) Page, We always worked as a team; it was teamwork. It really wasn't work. It was enjoyable.

"We disagreed often, but we left it in the back room and came out here and handled our business.

"But most of all, I want to thank my family, who are all here tonight. They stood behind me and done without me for a long time, and understood what I was doing. Thank y'all very much."

Getting down to business, the council passed three resolutions to offer pay incentives for police and fire department staff to take opportunities for advanced training:

• Cullman Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit
• Certified Training Officers in the Communications Department
• Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedic Medical Technicians in Cullman Fire Rescue

The council also passed three resolutions to improve streets and sidewalks around town:

• Accept ALDOT TAP grant funds of $800,000 for handicap-accessible sidewalks beginning at the intersection of Third Street Southwest (U.S. Highway 278) and Third Avenue Southwest and extending south along Third Avenue Southwest to Fifth Street Southwest and then west along Fifth Street Southwest to the intersection of Fourth Avenue Southwest
• Enter into agreement with ALDOT to maintain a sidewalk along 401 Third Street SW
• Adopt the transportation plan for use of gas tax money pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act for » PAGE 8

Zapka reigns



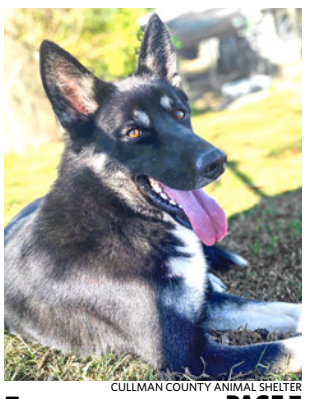
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Good Hope High School's Jillian Zapka was crowned Miss Cullman County Fair 2025 this week. » PAGE 5

Good Hope council approves change order for community center lighting
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Vinemont Town Council approves franchise transfer, Vinemont Sports Complex improvements
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PET OF THE WEEK

Big-hearted Teague



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER
Teague » PAGE 7



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 15, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 9
- burglary; CR 1569
- domestic violence; Edmondson Rd. NE
- theft of property; CR 702
- domestic violence; Arkadelphia Rd. NE

Oct. 10
- domestic violence; CR 950
- criminal mischief; CR 637
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 532
- theft of property; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 1289
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 831
- theft of property; CR 222

Oct. 11
- criminal mischief; CR 1670
- possession of dangerous drugs; Beech Ave. SE
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- criminal mischief; CR 1177
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1043
- obstructing governmental operations; resisting arrest; Clint Warrant St.
- domestic violence; CR 68

Oct. 12
- domestic violence; CR 728
- domestic violence; CR 1202
- domestic violence; attempting to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1545
- burglary; Whaley Ave. NE

Oct. 13
- harassment; New Hope Rd.
- harassing communications; Beech Ave. SE
- theft of property; Red Hill Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1212
- harassing communications; Lick Creek Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 1700
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 212

ARRESTS

Oct. 9-12

Batemon, Alexis F.; 22
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Bennefield, Amanda N.; 40
- obstruction-governmental operations

Berry, Parrish C.; 59
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – forged instrument
- FTA – counterfeiting

Clowers, Brianne H.; 33
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Coker, Michael J.; 50
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – reckless endangerment
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Cole, Christopher I.; 23
- auto theft

Denney, Jefferey A.; 37
- public intoxication

Devlin, Jacoby M.; 30
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500
- FTA – fraudulent use credit/debit card (2 counts)

Feezell, Sherri L.; 51
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 45
- FTA - possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass (2 counts)

Gowins, Angela F.; 52
- assault-harassment

Grey, Jeremy B.; 55
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- attempting to elude a police officer

Helms, Zachery D.; 31
- possession of methamphetamine

Henderson, Jacob R.; 45
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hilburn, Kevin L.; 39
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hudson, Charles S.; 51
- permitting dogs to run at large

Johns II, William E.; 39
- DUI (alcohol)
- resisting arrest

McCay, Hannah M.; 25
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle (2 counts)
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – sale of stolen property
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs

McClendon, Ashley B.; 37
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Moctezuma, Reyna N.; 28
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Moore, Shayla D.; 29
- FTA – assault-harassment
- FTA – criminal trespass

Parker, Angela M.; 41
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Patrum, Justin T.; 40
- DUI (alcohol)

Patterson, Christopher F.; 57
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – violation of elder abuse protection order
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE – violation of a domestic violence protection order

Phillips, Amber M.; 38
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Phillips, Scotty H.; 44
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Powell II, James H.; 37
- FTA – receiving stolen vehicle
- FTA – weapons-license required
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500 (2 counts)

Randolph, Finis J.; 55
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Salter, Jared T.; 35
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – assault-domestic violence-2nd degree-stalking

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 54
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- permitting dogs to run at large (3 counts)

Trimble, Jeremie D.; 46
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-3rd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 7
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $47; Olive St. SW

Oct. 8
- identity theft; person

Oct. 10
- domestic violence – harassment; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $4; Hwy. 157
- forgery-3rd degree; person; forged checks
- theft of property-4th degree; person; tag; $32

Oct. 11
- theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $200; 7th St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; pressure washer; $378; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; CVS; 2nd Ave. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $21; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; alcohol; $23; Olive St. SW

Oct. 12
- assault-2nd degree; person; CR 1651
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $668; Hwy. 157
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; person; wallet & contents, miscellaneous; Cobb Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $118; Hwy. 157

Oct. 13
- theft of property-1st degree; unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief-2nd degree; Cullman Housing Authority; '15 Ford F250, tools, damaged property; Cleveland Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $57; Hwy. 157
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; persons; damage to '15 Chrysler and '24 Toyota; $2,400; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $47; Olive St. SW

Oct. 14
- theft of property-4th degree; person; bicycle; $300; Hickory Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; fishing equipment; $300; CR 1651
- harassment; person

ARRESTS

Oct. 10-14

Wallace, Jr., Earl D.; 55
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Patterson, Zachary T.; 33
- FTA – insurance violation

Fitgerald II, Alan R.; 45
- unlawful possession/receiving of controlled substance

Burks, Jr., Anthony G.; 37
- DUI

Lee, Nicholas W.; 36
- attempt to elude
- harassment

McCay, Hannah M.; 25
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Berry. Parrish C.; 59
- theft of property-4th degree

Tran, Phuc S.; 29
- DUI

Mahler, Matthew A.; 27
- DUI
- reckless endangerment (2 counts)

Callahan, Thomas; 38
- FTA – driving without license

McGriff, Douglas A.; 48
- theft of property-4th degree

Russell, Ashley N.; 34
- reckless endangerment

Chitwood, Joshua A.; 43
- FTA – DUI

Edmonds, Tammy L.; 55
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Heatherly, Raymond C.; 49
- theft of property-1st degree
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- criminal mischief-2nd degree
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Marks, Jordan A.; 29
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

Cloud, Brayden X.; 23
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass

Fortenberry, Stephen B.; 40
- theft of property-4th degree

Files, Jeffrey L.; 64
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – insurance violation

Young, Lindsay S.; 45
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 through 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

Alcohol- ics 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. 17 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Saturday, Oct. 18 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
- Sunday, Oct. 19 – 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. 22, 10 a.m.: Book club
- Wednesday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.: Join us for a Halloween party with activities. Come and take your picture with Dracula
- Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Hanceville celebrates Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival and the library will have the annual book sale

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
- www.agriplex.org
- Thursday, Oct. 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.
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary — Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary — Meteorology with James Spann. Introduction to the science of weather. Learn all about forecasting, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, snow and more from a local legend. $15 fee. $30 Max per family.
- Thursday, Nov. 6, 6-8 p.m., Heritage Skills — Make and Take Christmas Ornaments. Let's get a jump on Christmas decorations! This is a make and take class where we will use a variety of mediums to make Christmas ornaments. Youth, ages 12 to15 must register and be accompanied with a paid registered adult. $30 fee
- Friday, Nov. 14, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers — Fritz and the Beautiful Horse. Jan Brett is a renowned author illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8 per child, max $16 per family.
- Saturday, Nov. 15, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club — Agriplex Barn Dance. Grab your partner and head to the pavilion for a family friendly lesson in this fun, traditional dancing style. All ages welcome! Fees: $15 per child, Max $30 per family.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m., Living Landscapes — Natural Parenting Class- Farmhouse Midwifery. Join us as we learn a holistic approach to parenting. We will cover baby wearing, making your own baby food, cloth diapering, natural remedies for common illnesses, the importance of sunlight and bare feet and more. Max $15 per family.

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.

Renovation Church Fall Camp Meeting
Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 16-19, at Renovation Church, 14142 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont. The legacy Southern gospel group The Perrys will kick off the revival with a concert. Then, you will enjoy powerful praise and worship and soul stirring messages all weekend from Evangelists Noah Owensby, Jeremy Ivy and Ashley Ivey. Services start at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. All are welcome! Pastors are Ryan and Brittany Wilburn.

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.

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 25, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. Enjoy all-you-can-eat pancakes, bacon, sausage and a drink for a donation to eat in or take out. Come join us and bring your friends! Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. The proceeds will benefit the Lions Club projects.

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.

Chambers Family Annual Reunion
Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, with dinner starting at noon. The address is 3309 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman (same location as many previous years). Plan to attend and invite others and share in good family/friend fellowship. Bring several favorite food dishes along with photos, stories, family research and information to share. If you can assist with setup, arrive at 10. For further information, contact Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235 (message), 256-347-2092 (text) or Rodger's Facebook page.

Cullman Elks Annual Craft & Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Handmade crafts, Christmas decor, jewelry and more. Benefits Elks local charity, 1525 Brantley Avenue NW, Cullman. With entry fee you are entered for door prizes.

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.

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its first October meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and in addition to discussing upcoming holiday events, they also approved a change order to install lighting at the new community center currently under construction. It will cost $49,600 to install the 12 light poles and the city will use money from its economic development fund to pay for the project.

The City of Good Hope also has several holiday events right around the corner.

Council members will be handing out Halloween goody bags at Good Hope Primary and Good Hope Elementary on Oct. 31.

The City's community Thanksgiving meal will be held in the Good Hope High School cafeteria on Nov. 26 and the Good Hope Christmas Parade, followed immediately by Christmas in the Park, is set for Dec. 13.

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.


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WSCC FLAG FOOTBALL

Wallace State remains unbeaten with doubleheader sweep over Snead State

Wallace State Sports Information

ALBERTVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State flag football kept its perfect season alive on Sunday at Sand Mountain Park in Albertville, picking up a pair of hard-fought victories over Snead State. The Lions opened the afternoon with a commanding 38-13 win before rallying in the second contest for a 33-20 victory to improve to 10-0 overall.

Game 1: Lions dominate early

Wallace State wasted no time taking control in the opener, marching 8 plays on the game's first drive before Emma Kile connected with Taylor Kindred for a 6-yard touchdown. The Lions' defense quickly set the tone, forcing a turnover on downs and handing the ball back to Kile, who fired a 64-yard strike to Mariah Ragland for a 13-0 lead.

Jayla Rudolph's interception gave Wallace another short field, and Kile again found Kindred—this time from 8 yards out—to stretch the margin to 19-0. After another Snead turnover, Kile and Kindred connected for their third touchdown of the half on a 30-yard pass play, making it 25-0. Snead State got on the board just before halftime on a pick-six, cutting the lead to 25-7.

In the second half, Kile extended the Lions' lead with a 2-yard touchdown run, and Ragland sealed the win late in the fourth quarter with her second score of the game, a 39-yard reception that capped off a 38-13 victory.

Game 2: Wallace rallies to stay perfect

Snead State struck first in the nightcap, taking a 6-0 lead—the first time Wallace State has trailed all season. But the Lions answered in the second quarter with Kile finding Ragland on a 34-yard scoring pass to take the lead, and after another Rudolph interception, Kindred pulled in a 4-yard touchdown catch to push the margin to 13-6. A 15-yard touchdown to Destinee Ealy later in the half gave Wallace a 19-6 advantage.

Snead fought back, capitalizing on a Kile interception to cut the deficit to 19-13 before taking a 20-19 lead with a third-quarter touchdown pass. But the Lions delivered when it mattered most. Early in the fourth, Kile led a 10-play drive, finishing with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Ragland to put Wallace back on top 26-20.

With Snead threatening to reclaim the lead late, Rudolph stepped up again, picking off her third pass of the day and racing 59 yards to the end zone for a back-breaking score. The return sealed Wallace State's 33-20 win and their unbeaten streak.



LOKOPHOTOS

Wallace State players Jayla Rudolph (3), Destinee Ealy (9), Mariah Ragland (2), and Taylor Kindred (7) congratulate each other following a big play.

Combined stats

Kile was outstanding across both games, completing 41-of-69 passes for 528 yards and nine touchdowns, while also adding a rushing score. Ragland hauled in 10 receptions for 230 yards and four touchdowns, while Kindred recorded 14 catches for 175 yards and four scores, also contributing 8 flag pulls and 8 deflections on defense. Ealy added 11 receptions for 73 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Rudolph starred with three interceptions—including a pick-six in Game 2—while Takyla Carr added one interception.

ZaNiya Mitchell anchored the defense with 15 flag pulls.

Up next

Wallace State (10-0) will travel to Millbrook on Sunday for a pair of conference matchups at 17 Springs, facing Lurleen B. Wallace at 1:00 p.m. before meeting Bishop State at 2:30 p.m.

WSCC CROSS COUNTRY

Wallace State impresses in deep Charlotte field

Wallace State Sports Information

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Wallace State's men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Charlotte, N.C., for the Royals Cross Country Challenge this past weekend to compete in one of the most competitive fields of the season, facing a lineup stacked with nationally ranked NCAA Division I and II programs. The Lions were the lone JUCO program in the event, yet they more than held their own on both the men's and women's sides.

"I always look to this meet as a barometer as to how fit we are as a team," said head coach Tony Crider.

"This meet consistently features nationally ranked NCAA Division I and Division II programs. We competed very well on the men's and women's side."



WSCC

Wallace State's men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Charlotte, N.C., for the Royals Cross Country Challenge this past weekend.

Men's team finishes 6th overall

The Wallace State men turned in one of their strongest showings of the year, placing 6th overall in the team standings.

Four runners cracked the top 50, led by Tyler Anthony, who clocked 25:11.7 for a 20th-place finish.

He was closely followed by Daniel Leija in 27th (25:20.1). Elliot Denard placed 42nd (25:46.4), and Jack Wiggins rounded out the top-50 finishes with a 49th-place run (25:56.1).

"The men's team was led by Tyler and Daniel, who also broke the 8K cross country record," Crider said. "Elliott, Jack, Harper Branscome, Conner McCrary and Devon McGee all had personal best times too."

Women's team places 15th

On the women's side, Wallace State placed 15th overall in another loaded field.

Freshman standout Brookelyn Morgan continued her stellar season with a 35th-place finish in 18:26.2, setting a new Wallace State program record.

Grace Gosline crossed in 19:27.8, while Cadence Rivera was just behind her at 19:30.7, giving the Lions three runners inside the top 100.

"Brookelyn, Grace, Payton Ridley and Hanna Sheffield all had personal best times," Crider said. "Brookelyn broke the Wallace State record."

Looking ahead

With the Charlotte test behind them, the Lions now turn their attention to the ACCC Conference Championships, which will be held in two weeks at John Hunt Park in Huntsville.

Sir Charles ribs BP at Bruce, Barkley & Basketball

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

OPELIKA, Ala. — Charles Barkley could not – and did not – pass up the opportunity to tease Bruce Pearl Monday at their 10th annual Bruce, Barkley & Basketball Golf Classic Presented by YellaWood.

"Hey fellas, I've got the interview over here with the coach," Barkley joked, loudly asking questions of Steven Pearl not far from where Bruce Pearl was speaking to reporters outside the Grand National clubhouse.

Minutes later, Barkley doubled down when addressing participants before they teed off.

"I know y'all are thinking, why is Bruce Pearl here still?" Barkley said, drawing laughter.

For both Pearls, the whole-hearted support from Auburn basketball's most famous alum is no laughing matter.

"Not just this program but this university," Steven Pearl said. "He's the greatest ambassador in the history of Auburn University, Auburn Athletics, Auburn basketball. For him to be so proud, through thick and thin, of this university speaks to the character of him and who he is, and really what Auburn represents. There couldn't be a better person to do it."

Bruce Pearl's recent transition from head coach to special assistant to the athletics director gives Barkley a sidekick in championing Auburn.

"It's like a two-headed monster," Steven Pearl said. "You have him and BP doing it at the same time. There really couldn't be a better time for Auburn to have two of the greatest ambassadors in the history of the university out there doing the same thing at the same time."

Three weeks away from his debut as Auburn's head coach on Nov. 3 vs. Bethune-Cookman, Steven Pearl and the Tigers play an exhibition game Wednesday vs. Oklahoma State in Birmingham's Boutwell Auditorium.

"It's going to test some of our toughness and physicality and see who rises to the occasion," Steven Pearl said.

Bruce Pearl gave his son some fatherly advice as Steven prepares to fill his father's hall of fame shoes, the same advice BP received from his mentor, hall of fame coach Dr. Tom Davis

"No. 1, do what we did on the court. Play the way we played. You understand the system. That's going to be no problem with Steven," he said.

"The second thing is be yourself. Steven needs to be Steven Pearl. He'll continue to do the things we do, on and off the court, because that's how he was raised."

Barkley, who led Auburn to its first NCAA Tournament appearance before becoming an NBA MVP, two-time Olympic gold medalist and basketball hall of famer, reflected on what Auburn has meant to him over the past 45 years.

"Auburn has affected my life more than anything," Barkley said. "It's a very unique place. I did not know what a family it was until I got here. I came here to play basketball and that turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made because I got to play right away and that obviously helped me become a better player.



AU ATHLETICS

L-R; Steven Pearl, Charles Barkley and Bruce Pearl at the 10th annual Bruce, Barkley & Basketball Golf Classic.

"Over the years, I've realized what an amazing family it is. I've been all over the world and had people screaming War Eagle at me, it's special. When you're in Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan or China and somebody's screaming War Eagle at you, it's pretty cool."

Local youth fare well at fall sheep show



MARLEE JACKSON/ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Evan Roden of Cullman County exhibited the Fourth Overall Champion Ewe in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 11, in Montgomery. It was also the Reserve Champion Alabama Born & Bred and Reserve Champion Blackface Cross. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair. Adam Heffelinger of Indiana judged the show.



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MARLEE JACKSON/ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Junior Showmanship winners in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 10, in Montgomery were, from left, Zoe Flowers of Montgomery County, grand champion; Dallis Carpenter of Talladega County, reserve champion; Palmer Mitchell of Montgomery County, third place; Ryleigh Jordan of Cullman County, fourth place; and Asher Cox of Fayette County, fifth place. Junior Showmanship is for exhibitors ages 9-12. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair. The winners are pictured with judge Adam Heffelinger of Indiana.



MARLEE JACKSON/ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Junior Premier Exhibitor winners in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 10, in Montgomery were, from left, Zoe Flowers of Montgomery County, grand champion; Dallis Carpenter of Talladega County, reserve champion; Palmer Mitchell of Montgomery County, third place; James Hembree of Cullman County, fourth place; and Stella Williamson of Cleburne County, fifth place. Junior Premier Exhibitor is for exhibitors ages 9-12 and con-sists of showmanship, livestock evaluation and a written test. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair.



MARLEE JACKSON/ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Intermediate Premier Exhibitor winners in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 10, in Montgomery were, from left Jackson Hill of Chambers County, grand champion; Josie Shirley of St. Clair County, reserve champion; Mallory Middlebrooks of St. Clair County, third place; Olivia Wells of Cullman County, fourth place; and Kensley Phillips of St. Clair County, fifth place. Intermediate Premier Exhibitor is for exhibitors ages 13-15 and consists of showmanship, livestock evaluation and a written test. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair.



MARLEE JACKSON/ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Senior Showmanship winners in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 10, in Montgomery were, from left, Ella Alldredge of Blount County, grand champion; Mason Smith of Marshall County, reserve champion; Miles Williamson of Cleburne County, third place; Lexi Jones of Cullman County, fourth place; and Evan Roden of Cullman County, fifth place. Senior Showmanship is for exhibitors ages 16-19. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair. The winners are pictured with judge Adam Heffelinger of Indiana.



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Cullman County's Easton Elrod places 5th at Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Show



MARLEE JACKSON/ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Junior showmanship winners at the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Show were, from left, Bryson Upchurch of Clay County, champion; Jessi Maples of Lee County, reserve champion; Brooklyn Price of Lee County, third; Rylie Maples of Chambers County, fourth; and Easton Elrod of Cullman County, fifth. The show was Oct. 3, at the Teague Arena in Montgomery and was sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance. Junior showmanship is for youth ages 9-12. Winners are pictured with Federation Executive Director Paul Pinyan.

Zapka (from Front)

Good Hope High School's Jillian Zapka was crowned Miss Cullman County Fair 2025 this week. The pageant took place Tuesday night, Oct. 14, 2025, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. She was awarded a $3,000 scholarship from the Cullman County Fair Association and a diamond pendant from Doug Doggett Jewelers. The pageant is a preliminary for the Miss Alabama Pageant, meaning Zapka will go on to compete for that title next year.



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Reward (from Front)

Tabitha and her family."

Crocker said those with information should contact the Cullman County Sheriff's Office or Investigator David Nassetta in the Cullman County District Attorney's Office (256-736-2800). The DA's Office can also be reached at tips@cullmanda.org.

To report criminal activity anonymously to the CCSO, call the secret witness number at 256-734-0210. The CCSO's main number is 256-734-0342.

Franklin, a mother of three, was 28 at the time she disappeared.

According to the Justice for Tabitha Lynn Franklin Facebook page, Franklin "was last seen with her ex-boyfriend. He stated on police record that he dropped her off at his place of business and when he returned she was nowhere to be found." Reporting at the time said the place of business was in Hueytown.

Back in 2014, following two indications by cadaver dogs from HEMSI and a ground penetrating radar analysis showing anomalies, investigators with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office excavated an area located at 1140 County Road 1136, searching for evidence in Franklin's disappearance.

However, following two days of excavation, investigators removed all concrete, gravel and under burden until they hit solid earth, with no signs of possible evidence.

The Cullman Tribune (then CullmanSense), was on the scene, and captured the below photo:



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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, October 20, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request at 1404 2nd Avenue NE on lot sizes and setbacks

For further information, contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
BENNIE DALE STRONG, * CASE NO.: PC2020-282
Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2025-324

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
MOTION TO DISMISS CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: MARK STRONG AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Bennie Dale Strong, Deceased, filed by Phyllis Marshall Simmons, Petitioner through Attorney Pamela E. Nail. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **2nd day of December, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, 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
Judge of Probate Office
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 14th day of October, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Petitioner's Attorney:
Pamela E. Nail
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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:
Sherry H. Barrett
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Phone (256) 734-4721

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

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Tammy Brown
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JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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 24th day of September, 2025.

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

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INVITATION TO BID

Project: Mt. Carmel Drive Roadway Improvements
(herein referred to as the 'Project').

Owner: The Town of Berlin, Alabama
461 County Road 1615
Cullman, AL 35058

Engineer: St. John & Associates, Inc.
508 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Date: October 16, 2025

Sealed Bids for the completion of the Project located in Berlin, Alabama will be received at the location of the bid opening until 2:00 pm local time on Thursday, November 13, 2025. Any Bids received after the specified time will not be considered. Bids will then be publicly opened at the Berlin Town Hall, 461 County Road 1615, Cullman, AL 35058.

The Project generally consists of erosion and sediment control, traffic control, earthwork, drainage improvements, asphalt paving and associated striping, markings and signage for approximately 1,500 LF of roadway improvements on Mt. Carmel Drive from US-278 to CR-1614/1615. The Project includes realignment of the intersection. The Owner requires the Project to be substantially complete in 120 calendar days from the date that the Contract Times commence to run as indicated on the Notice to Proceed.

A prebid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the Berlin Town Hall, 461 County Road 1615, Cullman, AL 35058. Representatives of the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project.

In order to Bid on the Project, the Bidder shall possess a valid General Contractor's license for work in the State of Alabama. The Contractor's license number shall be clearly indicated on the outside of sealed Bid envelopes. Bidder and its Subcontractors shall comply with all applicable licensing requirements of the Code of Alabama, federal and local Laws or Regulations.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid must accompany the bidder's proposal. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish the additional bond(s) and evidence of insurance as prescribed in the Bidding Documents. Bidders are directed to the Instructions to Bidders - Document 00 21 15 and the other Bidding Documents.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer; hard-copy documents may be obtained upon nonrefundable payment of $100.00 for each set of documents, including one set of drawings, legal requirements and specifications. Digital copies of the bid documents are also available at www.SJAOnline.com for a fee of $50.00. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the 'Planroom' link. For assistance and free registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bid shall be submitted on the Bid Form provided. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Your Bid will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days from the date of the opening of Bids.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive any informality in the bidding.

By: The Town of Berlin, Alabama
Mr. Patrick Bates, Mayor

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

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

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on October 30, 2025 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

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MCCAN DEBORAH,)
Plaintiff,)
)
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)
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.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Teague (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Meet Teague, a truly special soul wrapped in a handsome German Shepherd exterior. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

At around 3 years old, this intelligent and sensitive fellow embodies everything you could hope for in a loyal companion. He doesn't seem to realize just how extraordinary he is, he just wants to be your pal. One of his most endearing habits is gently pulling you in with his mighty paw so you can rub his chest, or even hold your hand in his mouth for a moment of connection. That gentle mix of playfulness and affection makes him a perfect candidate for therapy, companion or even reading dog work. He's full of character, brimming with love and ready to share his big heart with a forever family.

Since he's already neutered, Teague's adoption fee has been reduced to just $35, though that's hardly reflective of his worth, because he is truly priceless. The fee covers vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam. This helps ensure he goes to his new home healthy, safe, and ready for a lifetime of love.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. If Teague finds his home before you arrive, don't worry, his friends at the shelter are all waiting to meet you, too.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 14-15

Niki Lewis Carter, 77
Niki Lewis Carter passed away on October 11, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on October 29, 1947, in Wichita, Kansas. As a child, her family moved around; she lived in California, Georgia, and Alabama. After graduating from Phillips High School in Birmingham, Niki studied at UAB and became a Certified Laboratory Assistant. During her time there, she met Ronny who was attending dental school, and they were married on June 29th, 1968. After marrying, they lived in Cape May, New Jersey, while Ronny served as a dentist in the Coast Guard. Then they settled in Cullman, Alabama, where they started a family and had a dental practice together for 41 years. Niki is preceded in death by her parents, Norlin and Merrilee Lewis and her twin sister, Nancy Orr. She is survived by husband, Ronny Carter; daughter, Shannon Price (son-in-law, Lucas Price); son, Steve Carter (daughter-in-law, Stacie Carter); brother, Rick Lewis; brother, Gary Lewis; and grandchildren Libby Carter, Wilson Carter, Adie Price, and Elliott Price. She is also survived by several loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Niki had a wonderful life. She was a devoted wife and mother. For 57 years, she was faithfully and lovingly married to Ronny who always said she had "sparkle." Being a mom was truly her greatest joy in her life; there was nothing she wouldn't do for her kids. She was also a beloved "Niki Nana" and was always excited when her grandkids were coming to visit. Niki Nana loved playing games with her grandkids, doing puzzles, teaching them to bake, and engaging their creativity. Niki also loved being with and laughing with her siblings and her closest friends. She enjoyed gardening, going to Alabama football games, going to the beach, and decorating for all occasions (especially if it was spooky). At the age of 61, Niki turned her love of buying and wrapping gifts, decorating, and jewelry into a small business where she enjoyed helping all of her customers find something special. Her faith always had feet. She related well to young adults and quickly won their hearts with her love of fun and blunt honesty. It made her happy to meet a need when she saw one, and she was a trusted confidante for many people. She was deeply loved and we will see her again. Per her request, there will be no memorial service. The family will be posting on social media, and anyone who would like to give their condolences or share something about her can do so here or on Facebook. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Choose Life Fund at Daystar Church in Cullman, Alabama. https://app.securegive.com/daystar/daystar---good-hope-campus/donate/category

Glenda Ann McElroy, 76
Funeral Service for Glenda Ann McElroy, age 76 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Russell Whisenant officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. McElroy passed away on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at the Folsom Center. She was born April 17, 1949, to Oscar and Alice Parker. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Melba Henson; brother, Wallace H. (Pete) Parker and one grandbaby. Survivors include her husband, George McElroy; daughter, Christy (Rick) Williams; sister, Sandy Parker; grandchildren, Aeris Williams & Chloe Williams; sister-in-law, Charlotte Parker, brother-in-law, Sam Henson; nieces, Sherry (Clark) Fincher, Jill (Kerry) Thompson; nephews, Stanley (Beth) Parker, Gary (Rhonda) Parker, Jeremy (Hillary) Parker, Tony (Sarah) Parker, and a host of great and great great nieces and nephews, church family and friends and her favorite Hospice nurse, Hannah Vandiver whom she loved dearly.

Michael Preston McClellan, 27
Funeral Service for Michael Preston McClellan, age 27 of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Nathan Thomas officiating; burial at New Hope North Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. McClellan passed away on Sunday, October 12, 2025. He was born, March 16, 1998, to Michael Lawrence McClellan and Cynthia Renea Standridge. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Betty and Raymond 'MawMaw and PawPaw" Millwood; Amanda and Mitch "Daddy Mac and Momma Cita" McClellan. Survivors include his daughter, Ariel McClellan and son, Prince McClellan; mother, Renea Standridge; father, Michael McClellan; sisters, Whittney (Kurt) Scheufens, Brooke (Christian) Picard-Ami; Fiance, Sierra Vickers and her children, Jayda and Hope; nephews, Isaiah and Elias Picard-Ami; nieces, Scarlett Picard-Ami and Ava Estella Harvell; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and countless Friends.

Susan Reeves Quick, 69
Funeral services for Susan Reeves Quick, 69, 0f Cullman will be held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Susan Reeves Quick, 69, of Cullman passed away peacefully on October 13, 2025. Survivors include her daughters, Audrey (Richard) Crabb and Rachel (Andrew) McAnnally-Kreps; seven grandchildren, Leo, James, Eleanor, and Owen Crabb, Benjamin, Sybil, and James Kreps; sister, Gail (Roy) Wood; nephew, Alan (Leslie) Wood; niece, Alison (Nolan) Harbison; along with a host of great nieces and nephews, and treasured cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland Quick, and her parents, Harrison and Sybil Glasscock Reeves. Susan was an inspiration to everyone she met. She bravely battled cancer with unwavering faith and positivity. She loved to be outside tending her flowers or going for a jog, but her greatest joy came from being a grandmother. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church kitchen fund. The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Garcia, the staff of Clearview Cancer Institute, Nurse Jennifer, and Aveanna Hospice for all of the love and care that was shown to Mrs. Quick, and her family. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Quick family.

William Warren Agee, 84
Memorial Service for William Warren (Bill) Agee will be Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Victory Baptist Church with Rev. Delbert Freeman, Rev. Scotty Letson and Rev. Steve Agee officiating; burial will be at Town Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Victory Baptist Church with Memorial Services at 12 p.m. Mr. Agee passed away on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. He was born January 3, 1941, at Rocky Hill located in Town Creek, Alabama to Robert and Mable Agee. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Mable Agee and brothers Bob Agee, Ted Agee and Fred Agee and sister in laws Brenda Agee, Jean Agee and Barbara Agee. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Frances Agee, daughter, Sabre (Delbert)Freeman, Three grandchildren, Caleb (Amanda) Freeman, Joshua Freeman, Jonathan(Summer) Freeman, 14 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Steve (Dianne) Agee and Tim(Shannon) Agee and a sister Ginger (Dwight) Crow and a sister-in-law Joyce Agee, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He served in the Alabama National Guard as a Radio Operator. He retired from General Motors Delphi. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a member of Victory Baptist Church in Moulton, Alabama. The family would like to express appreciation for the care provided by the dedicated and loving staff of The Folsom Center; The staff of CenterWell Home Health; The staff of Southern Care Hospice and the staff of Cullman Regional Medical Center. The family would like to thank Mrs. Jill Burke for her friendship and for our special relationship with her for many years. The family would like to thank W.D. "Puky" Lee for his special family relationship with us for about 50 years. The family would like to express a heartfelt thanks to Dr. Adam Harrison and the staff of Cullman Internal Medicine and Dr. Nick Braswell and the staff of Decatur Morgan Urology. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Viva Lee Bates-Johnson, 95
Viva Lee Bates-Johnson age 95 of Cullman, Alabama passed away October 13, 2025. She was born March 9th, 1930. Viva is preceded in death by her parents R. Lem Bates and Mamie P. Bates; sisters Myrtle Hendrix and Dorothy Hancock; and brothers Robert Grady Bates, William Thomas Bates, Walter Jack Bates, John Thad Bates, Henry W Bates, and Kenneth Terry Bates. She is survived by her daughters Charlotte M. Mackin of Daphne, Alabama, Valarie Anita Johnson-Overturf of Montana, and Tippi J. Lawson of Huntsville, Alabama; son Archie A. Johnson of Cullman, Alabama; brothers Franklin D. Bates and Robert Bates; eight grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. The family will receive friends for a visitation at Moss Service Funeral Home in parlor G & H Thursday October 16, 2025, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. A celebration of life funeral service will follow Friday October 17, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home chapel with internment at Shedd Cemetery in Trimble, Alabama. Moss Service Funeral Home directing..

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Cook (from Front)

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Additionally, the council adopted a resolution to accept Addison Way Southwest as a part of the public street system, after its construction by a private developer and confirmation that it meets City standards.

The council held first readings of a number of proposed ordinances that can be considered at the next meeting:

- To surplus property owned by the City, which is not needed for public or municipal purposes
- To surplus a utility easement located at 5411 Alabama Highway 157 NW (at the new Chick-fil-A)
- To annex the Hope property located at 1789 County Road 1339 as R-1 Residential District
- Concerning the officers and board members of the City, appointed by the mayor
- Concerning the officers of the City, appointed by the city council
- Concerning the election of officers of the City, appointed by the city council

The council approved other resolutions:

- To re-award the bid for the Lazy River to Aqua Design Systems, Inc. in the amount of $5,576,907, cutting the cost by $200,000 by having the City perform certain tasks
- To proclaim the third Wednesday in October as Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Day
- To enter into a contract with Tyler Technologies for archiving and content management software
- To approve a new employee matrix for Communications Dispatch
- To amend position control detail to remove an investigator in the Police Department

The council also:

- Set a public hearing on Nov.17, 2025, at 7 p.m. for Ordinance No. 2026-04 to rezone Gavel Down Properties located on John H. Cooper Drive SE from B-2 Business District to R-3 Residential District, which received an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission
- Approved a special event request from Greg Speegle of Cullman Moose Lodge for the annual Turkey Shoot every Saturday morning in November and December
- Approved a request from Birdie Box, LLC located at 1929 Second Ave. SW for a restaurant alcohol license, which received a favorable recommendation from the Alcohol Review Committee

The Cullman City Council will meet next at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, in the auditorium at city hall. The public is invited to attend.



Vinemont (from Front)

Gauge Day
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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, addressing several new business items and upcoming community events.

Council members approved Resolution No. 2025-10-01, acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the 2024 fiscal year auditor's report.

The council also passed Resolution No. 2025-10-02, authorizing the mayor to sign a franchise agreement transferring ownership following the sale of the town's sewer system from Integra Water to Living Waters Utilities.

Resolution No. 2025-10-03 was approved to officially move the November council meeting to Nov. 10.

The council also authorized an $8,000 project to pour concrete in the dugouts on all five fields at the Vinemont Sports Complex.

Upcoming community events were also announced, including:

- Senior Citizens Day – Monday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center
- New administration training – Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat – Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4-6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall
- New administration swearing-in and organizational meeting – Monday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be on Monday, Nov. 10, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6. Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.

