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Aspen Institute names Wallace State finalist for $1M 2027 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Aspen Institute (Aspen) on Tuesday named Wallace State Community College in Hanceville one of 10 community colleges that are finalists for the 2027 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition for community colleges. Backed by $1 million in award funds, the Aspen Prize honors colleges that achieve strong outcomes, focusing on whether students complete credentials that lead to bachelor's attainment and jobs that pay family sustaining wages.

"Wallace State is honored to be recognized as one of 10 finalists in the 2027 cycle of the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "Wallace State's mission is to provide education that transforms lives and communities, and we accomplish » PAGE 7



WALLACE STATE

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'This is their time to shine'





MS. SENIOR ALABAMA PAGEANT

Ms. Senior Cullman County Sheri Rasco (left) and Ms. Super Senior Cullman County Mazzie Twilley (right) competed in the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant Saturday, June 6, 2026, in Daphne, with each bringing home honors.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Ms. Senior Cullman County Sheri Rasco and Ms. Super Senior Cullman County Mazzie Twilley competed in the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant Saturday, June 6, in Daphne, with each bringing home honors.

Rasco was awarded Most Community Support – Ms. Senior Alabama, while Twilley took home People's Choice – Ms. Super Senior Alabama 2026.

"We are extremely proud of them both. They both shined on stage," said Gidget Gregory, director of the Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant. She said the women were judged in the categories of interview, fun fashion, active wear, evening gown and on-stage question.

"They went to Daphne, Alabama on Thursday to start preparing for the pageant," Gregory said. "They had a Queen's dinner on Thursday night. On Friday, they practiced all day and the pageant was held on Saturday at 2 p.m."

She said the date for the next Cullman County pageant hasn't been set yet, but they are looking at late fall.

"Hopefully (we'll) have a date set this week for our county pageant," Gregory said. "Women don't need to stop living their life fully just because of their age. Women have done so much in their life – for their family, work and the community. This is their time to shine and celebrate themselves. Women can be role models for those around them and share wisdom from personal experiences."

Follow Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant on Facebook for more information.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 10, 2026. 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

June 8

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Ave D. SE
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,473
- identity theft; person

ARRESTS

June 9

Fisher, Jr., John L.; 79

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- reckless endangerment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Blountsville police chief no longer employed by town

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BLOUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The Town of Blountsville announced Tuesday that Police Chief Joseph Ragan is no longer employed by the town.

The announcement was made in a joint statement from Blountsville Mayor Michael Glass and the Blountsville Town Council on behalf of the town.

"The Town takes all matters involving municipal operations, public trust, and accountability with the utmost seriousness," Glass said. "While personnel matters are confidential and the Town will not provide additional details regarding this matter, this action was taken following careful consideration and in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures."

The town did not provide additional details about the decision and did not announce an interim or replacement chief in the statement.

The joint release said town officials recognize the importance of transparency and understand members of the community may have questions regarding the decision.

"We appreciate the patience and understanding demonstrated by the citizens of Blountsville as the Town diligently navigated the legal and administrative processes necessary to address this matter appropriately and responsibly," Glass said.

According to the joint release, the town remains committed to professionalism, integrity, accountability and public service.

"Our foremost priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our residents, ensuring that all municipal departments operate efficiently, effectively, and in the best interests of the community," Glass said.

The release also thanked residents for their continued trust and confidence.

"The Mayor and Town Council remain committed to serving our community with transparency, responsibility, and dedication as we work together to advance the future of our Town," the statement said.

South Vinemont Community Clean-Up Day set for June 11-13

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. — Residents of South Vinemont will have an opportunity to clean up their properties and dispose of unwanted items during the Town of South Vinemont's Community Clean-Up Day, scheduled for June 11-13.

The event will take place daily from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. behind the Vinemont-Providence Fire Department at 88 Ridgeway St. Two roll-off dumpsters will be available for residents to dispose of items that cannot be collected through regular household trash service.

Town officials said the event is intended to help residents clean up their properties while improving the overall appearance of the community.

"This is a great way to keep South Vinemont clean," they said.

The clean-up event is open exclusively to South Vinemont residents. Participants will be provided a decal or signage identifying them as eligible to use the dumpsters.

Certain items will not be accepted, including tires, construction materials such as rocks, dirt, bricks and concrete, hazardous materials including oil, paint and pesticides, and oil or fuel waste.

Residents with questions about the event are encouraged to contact South Vinemont Town Hall at 256-737-5411 or info@townofsouthvinemont.com.

Town officials encourage residents to take advantage of the opportunity and work together to make a positive impact through small actions that can help keep South Vinemont clean.

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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.

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
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Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, June 12 – 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. Special guest – The Lovelady Center
• Sunday, June 13 – 8:15 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 in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• Wednesday, June 17, 10 a.m.-noon Storytime – Snead's Farmhouse is coming with animals and an outstanding presentation. Judy always does a great and fun program!
• Wednesday, June 17, 1:15 p.m. Crochet class
• Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. Boy Scout Colin Hyde will teach us about bats!
• Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. Adult book club. Not too late to join!
• Wednesday, June 24, 10 a.m. Hanceville Fire Department will be here with firetrucks, fire safety presentations and demonstrations. Get sprayed with the hose! Bring suits and towels.
• Wednesday, June 24, 1:15 p.m. Crochet class
• Friday, June 26, 6 p.m. Poetry Night
• July 1 BREAK
• Wednesday, July 8, 10 a.m. "My feathered friends" with Cullman Soil and Water – Millie Keel
• Wednesday, July 8, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Wednesday, July 15, 10 a.m. "Raptor Outreach" by Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Wednesday, July 15, 1 p.m. Crochet class
• Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. Adult book club
• Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. Teen Club
• Wednesday, July 22, 10 a.m. "Lasting Impressions- Fossils-artifacts" by Chris & Jake, AL State Museum, Montgomery
• Wednesday, July 29, 10 a.m. "Quest to the Core" McWane Science Center
• Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. Poetry Night
• Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. Children's author Ernie Swindle (bringing Matilda the Donkey for petting, located in the back parking lot)
• Friday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m. "Larry the Magician" a happy, interactive program full of laughter. This is his last season performing; he is retiring after this summer.
• Wednesday, Aug. 12, 10 a.m. Storytime Cullman Extension 4-H Kerri Roberts
• Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Adult book club
• Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., Crochet class

Guy Hunt Library Summer Reading Program
• Make plans to join us at Guy Hunt Library in Holly Pond on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. for the Summer Reading Program!
• June16, Movie Day- "The Land Before Time"
• June 23, Jessie Douglas, Farm Bill Biologist II
• June 30, Snead's Farmhouse
• Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact the Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226, or guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, June 11, at 6 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Sanit Joseph Dr. NW Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

Bates Reunion
Saturday, June 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center, adjacent to the fire station. A potluck lunch will be shared at noon. This is for the descendants of Thomas Royal Bates and related families.

Phillips-Compton Reunion
Saturday, June 27, beginning at 10 a.m. Descendants of John Marion Phillips and Frances Compton Phillips and related families will meet at the Brushy Pond Community Center. Covered dish lunch at noon. From Bremen, travel on County Road 222 to Ryans Creek Baptist Church. Turn right next to the church and travel a short distance to the center, which is next to the fire station. Call 256-709-4956 for additional information.

Smith Lake Park 4th of July Fireworks Festival
Saturday, July 4, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Fireworks at 9 p.m. There will be a full lineup of live music, including More Cowbell, The Connection, Albert Simpson and Taylor Hicks. There will also be food vendors and arts and crafts vendors all day, plus games and golf cart parade Admission is $5 per person or $20 per vehicle.

Vinemont 4th of July Celebration
Sunday, July 5, at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks show starts at 9. Celebration of America 250 and 65 years of incorporation for the Town of South Vinemont. Food, kids' play zone and fireworks. Presented by the Town of South Vinemont and Vinemont Baptist Church.

Rock the South rescheduled for Oct. 1-4 due to weather conditions

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DECATUR, Ala. — Rock the South organizers this week announced that the festival, originally scheduled for this weekend, has been rescheduled for Oct. 1-4 due to weather conditions.

Statement from Rock the South:

Due to unprecedented amounts of rainfall across the state of Alabama this past week, the City of Decatur and organizers of Rock the South music festival today announced the rescheduling of the festival from this coming weekend to the weekend of Oct. 1-4.

"The monumental amount of rain that has fallen at the event site gives us no choice but to postpone the festival," said festival organizers.

"We are thankful that the headliners are available for the new dates, and appreciate the patience and support of all involved as we look to put on a great Rock the South later this year."

All three previously announced headliners remain on the lineup: Zach Top on Thursday, Oct. 1; Jason Aldean on Friday, Oct. 2; and Riley Green on Sunday, Oct. 4. The festival weekend will now expand to four days with a headlining performance from Jessie Murph on Saturday, Oct. 3 at no additional cost to ticket holders.

Most scheduled artists are able to perform on the revised dates, and festival organizers will announce the updated daily lineup in the coming weeks.

"The safety of our festival attendees, artists, and staff is paramount, and we're confident that the rescheduled dates will ensure an enjoyable festival experience for all," they continued.

Festival tickets and camping packages for the original dates will be honored on the newly rescheduled dates. Festival organizers will email purchasers next week with details for those unable to attend Rock the South this October.

Please continue to check www.rockthesouth.com for details surrounding the new dates of the festival and additional information.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Dunkin shining as Fairview's floor general; Meyer gives early impressions of 26-27 roster

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After taking over a team that went 9-20 in 2025, newly-minted Fairview boys head coach Bobby Meyer and the Aggies have taken to summer ball as they try to flip their fortunes in '26.

At Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum, the Aggies took part in the Summer Play Date run alongside teams from across northern Alabama on Wednesday. First, the Aggies took on an East Lawrence team coming off a regional semifinals run in 2025-26. Fairview played solid ball, but struggled to hang with the athleticism of guard Bryce Young, who's currently committed to play wide receiver at North Alabama, and the Aggies fell 43-36.

Stepping up to go bucket-for-bucket with Young in game one, however, and carrying his performance over into the second game vs. Wilson, was rising senior guard Konnor Dunkin. The Aggies' 5-9 floor general showed off silky smooth ball handling, crafty scoring and active hands on defense, all things Fairview fans should look forward to this winter.

Meyer described his point guard as "strong, aggressive and hard-nosed," and Dunkin's 11 point and four assist game (stats are unofficial) to lift the Aggies to a blowout 47-25 win over the Warriors in game two certainly backed that up.

"It's a bunch of hard working kids is what I'm seeing, and that's what I expected here at Fairview. They're hard working, blue collar guys. They have good basketball savvy and skills, they just have to work hard. I have new things, new systems, new ways of playing defense- a new mentality, really, that I want instilled," Meyer said after the Aggies went 1-1 on the afternoon.

Outside of developing skill and on-floor chemistry, Meyer pointed to strengthening players' mental toughness and work ethic as one of the most valuable aspects of summer ball.

"We still need to build that culture of sweat equity with each other. You know, you gotta get in the gym, you gotta get on that track or hit those bleachers to build that equity.

"When you've put in that sweat, that sweat gives you an ability to participate, compete and play hard. We're still working on that, the ability to play harder and dig deeper when you didn't think you could. I've got a saying with them, 'tired equals dumb'. We don't want to get tired, because when you get dumb, you play dumb basketball, and we don't want to get to that, we want that for our opposition, so we've got to work," Meyer said.



LUCAS GRAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's guard Ayden Batz during the Aggies' 47-25 win over Wilson on Wednesday

Celebration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Elks Lodge invites the public to its annual Flag Day Celebration, to be held on Sunday, June 14, at 4 p.m., a longstanding tradition honoring the American flag and recognizing local veterans for their service, while teaching the public about the flag's history.

This event is part of a nationwide tradition required by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Elks is the first and only fraternal group to require a formal Flag Day observance. This tradition began in 1908, when the Grand Lodge asked every local lodge to hold a Flag Day ceremony on June 14.

One of the highlights will be a display of historical American flags. As each flag is shown, organizers will explain its meaning and the history behind it. Local military veterans from different generations will carry the flags into the ceremony. Each flag will be brought in by one of Cullman's own military heroes.

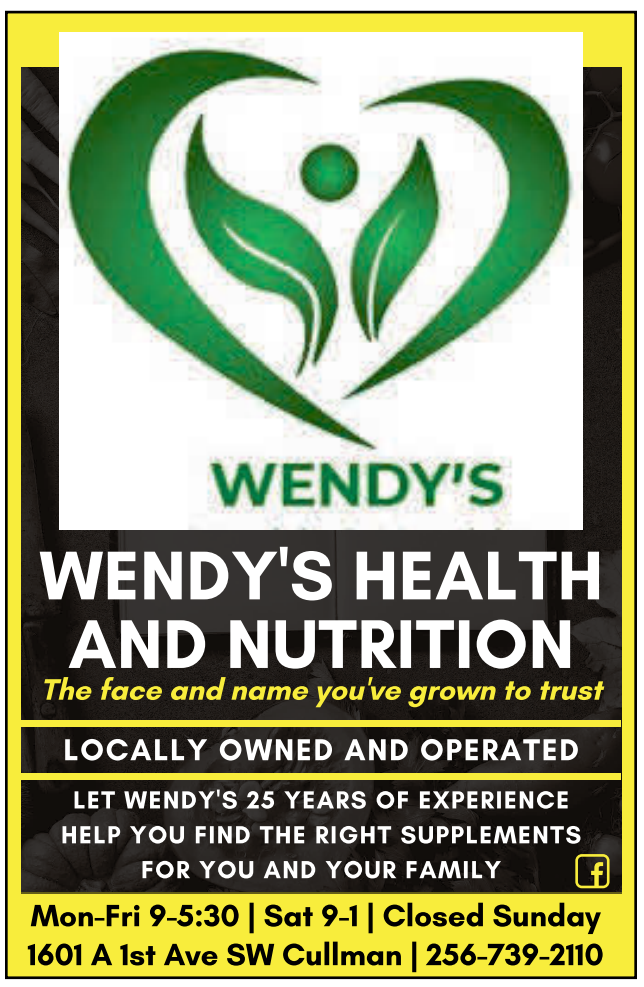
The ceremony honors the sacrifices and achievements of veterans and helps people learn more about the history of the nation's flag. The program also teaches about how the American flag has changed over time and the conflicts where it was present.

The event welcomes people of all ages, including children and adults. Organizers hope families will use the ceremony as a chance to learn more about American history and build a sense of patriotism and respect for national symbols. After the ceremony, attendees can enjoy a free meal.

The Cullman Elks Lodge also holds an Americanism Essay Contest for students in fifth through eighth grades. Winners in each age group receive cash prizes, and local teachers are encouraged to include the contest in their lessons.

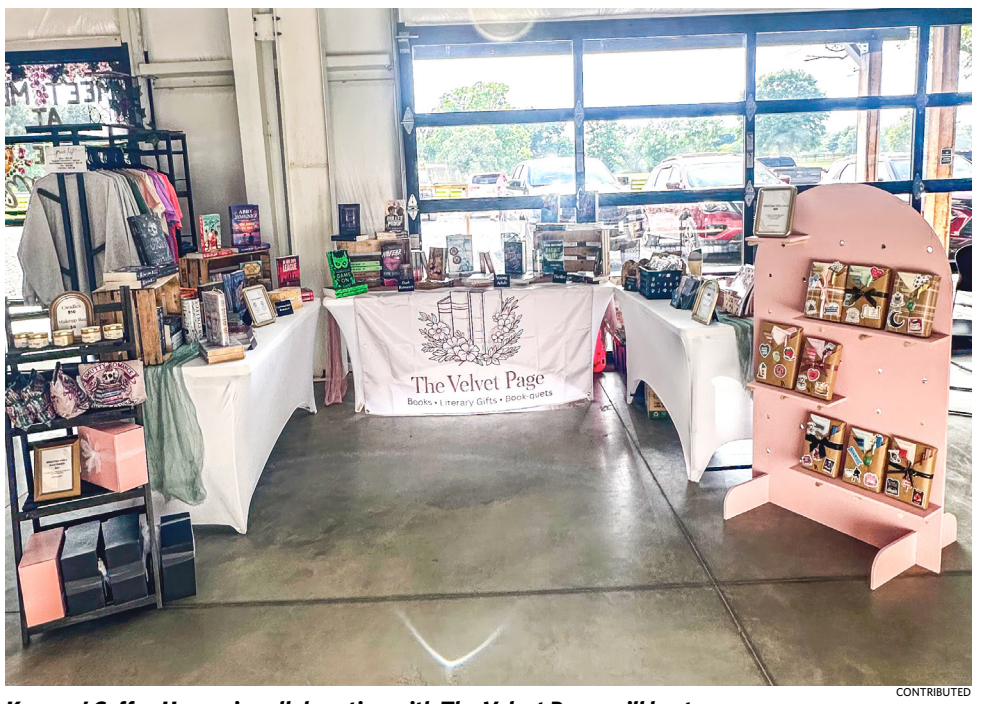
The annual Flag Day celebration aims to keep educating the community while honoring those who have served and sacrificed for the country.

The Cullman Elks Lodge is located at 1525 Brantley Ave. NW. Get more info at www.facebook.com/CullmanElksLodge1609.









CONTRIBUTED

Karmas' Coffee House, in collaboration with The Velvet Page, will host a pop-up book bar event Saturday, June 13, from 2-4 p.m.

Karma's hosting pop-up book bar with local mobile book shop June 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Karmas' Coffee House, in collaboration with The Velvet Page, will host a pop-up book bar event Saturday, June 13, from 2-4 p.m.

Karma's Owner Katie Fine said one of her favorite things about hosting pop-ups at Karma's is seeing local entrepreneurs share something they've poured their hearts into creating.

"Supporting these small businesses isn't just about selling products — it's about encouraging dreams, fostering community and helping our local economy thrive," she said.

"Ema is incredibly passionate about all things books. She's going to bring blind dates with a book, new releases, BookTok books, bookish gifts and a lot of other reader goodies."

The Velvet Page Owner/Founder Ema Sargent said she is excited to partner with Karma's and connect with fellow book lovers in the community.

"The Velvet Page will be bringing a curated selection of new books in a variety of genres, also popular blind date with a book options," she said.

"The pop-up is designed to create a fun, welcoming experience where readers can browse, discover their next favorite book while being with fellow readers and connect over a coffee and books."

Karma's Coffee House is located at 103 First Ave. NE Suite 140, Cullman.

For more information, follow www.facebook.com/karmascoffeehouse or Facebook/The Velvet Page - Mobile Bookstore.



Alabama Extension to host Garden 2 Pantry: Salsa Soiree workshop on June 16 – take home a jar of salsa!

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host its upcoming Garden 2 Pantry workshop, titled "Salsa Soiree," on Tuesday, June 16, from 2-5 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. The registration fee for the workshop is $15.

"In the Garden 2 Pantry workshop, we will show participants that exact concept," said Cullman County Extension Office Director Dr. Kira Sims. "We'll cover growing tomatoes and peppers in the home garden, then how to use those vegetables to make homemade salsa. We'll also show participants how to preserve the salsa using a water bath canner through a demonstration, and we'll briefly cover other ways the water bath canner can be used."

In addition to gardening and food preservation, the workshop will highlight the nutritional benefits of fresh salsa and healthy eating habits.

Participants will have the opportunity to sample salsa during the event and take a jar home for later.

The workshop will feature presentations from three Alabama Extension professionals, each focusing on a different aspect of the process.

"I will cover the vegetable production; Christy Mendoza, the food safety Extension agent, will cover the salsa preservation; and Meaghanne Thompson, the health and wellness Extension agent, will cover the health benefits," Sims said. "It's a great opportunity to hear from several different Extension agents."

According to Sims, the workshop is designed for both experienced gardeners and those just getting started.

"Many people are interested in preserving food, and this is a great introduction," she said. "It's also a good combination of learning the basics of vegetable gardening, food preservation and healthy eating."

"For $15, participants will go home with a salsa recipe, information on how to grow and use tomatoes and peppers, a healthy snack option and a jar of salsa," she added. "Even for those who are not growing a garden this year, we'll encourage purchasing local tomatoes and peppers to make fresh salsa."

Registration is available online at www.aces.edu/go/6396. For more information or accessibility needs, contact Dr. Kira Sims at 256-737-9386 or kira.sims@auburn.edu.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. SW in Cullman.

Obituary Announcements: June 9-10

Brent Nicholas Smith, 43
Brent Nicholas Smith, 43 of Baileyton passed away at his home Monday, June 8, 2026. He was born Aug. 6, 1982, the son of Clifford Hershel Smith and Deborah A. Harper Smith. He was a 2000 graduate of Cullman High School and was currently working for Walker Brothers. Brent was a beloved son, brother, uncle, partner, and friend whose generous spirit touched countless lives. Brent will be remembered for his sharp wit, keen intelligence, gentle nature, and unwavering generosity. A true gentle giant, he was always ready to lend a hand and would give anyone the shirt off his back without hesitation. His family knew they could call on him at any time, for any reason, and he would be there. He loved deeply, gave freely, and brought comfort, laughter, and strength to those around him. Though his absence leaves an immeasurable void, the love he shared and the memories he created will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his companion, LaShay Corbin; his parents, Cliff and Debbie Smith; his sister, Amy (Bo) Alexander; his nephew, Case; his nieces, Noelle and Langley; and a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and friends who will cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, T.Q. and Olean Harper, and Egbert Smith and Esther Mae Buckelew Smith. Funeral Service will be 4 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Cornerstone Revival Center with Brother Greg Wilbanks officiating and eulogy by Braxton Miller. The burial will follow in the Baileyton Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel directing. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Thursday at the Cornerstone Revival Center. "Wrinkles will only go where the smiles have been." ~Jimmy Buffett~

Sacit Thomas Turnali, 37
Sacit Thomas Turnali passed away on June 2, 2026, at the age of 37, born on Dec. 17, 1988, in Istanbul, Turkey, and residing in Vinemont, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Elaine Turnali; grandparents, LT Wilkinson and Ethel Marie Wilkinson; and his aunts, Cavit Turnali and Fatma Neriman Turnali. Sacit is survived by his father, Cavdet Kamil Turnali; brother, Cavit Emin Turnali; sister-in-law, Jolee Diane Turnali; nephew, Najeti John Marvin Turnali; and a host of other family members, church family, and friends. The family will receive friends on Friday, June 12, 2026, beginning at 1 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church in Eva, Alabama. The celebration of Sacit's life will be held at 2 p.m., with burial in Enon Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

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Cullman Author Expo set for June 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Book lovers can meet dozens of authors, find new books and support local writers at the Cullman Author Expo on Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Traditions Bank Event Center. The Cullman County Public Library System is hosting the free event, with sponsorship from Traditions Bank.

There will be 37 authors from across Alabama, covering genres like children's books, science fiction, romance, mystery, poetry and self-help.

Cullman County Public Library System Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said the idea for the expo came from the success of a similar event held by the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County a few years ago.

She said, "Many patrons and authors have asked about that event since then, which prompted us to plan it again."

Library officials teamed up with Traditions Bank to help grow the event.

Traditions Bank agreed to sponsor the expo and offer its event center for the day.

Visitors can meet authors, talk about their books and buy copies directly from them.

Organizers decided not to charge admission so more people can come and support the authors.

"We want to support local authors in our community, and we believe this is a great way to meet that need and expose readers to new and local material," Creekmore said.

Besides meeting authors and shopping for books, guests can join in on "Bookish BINGO."

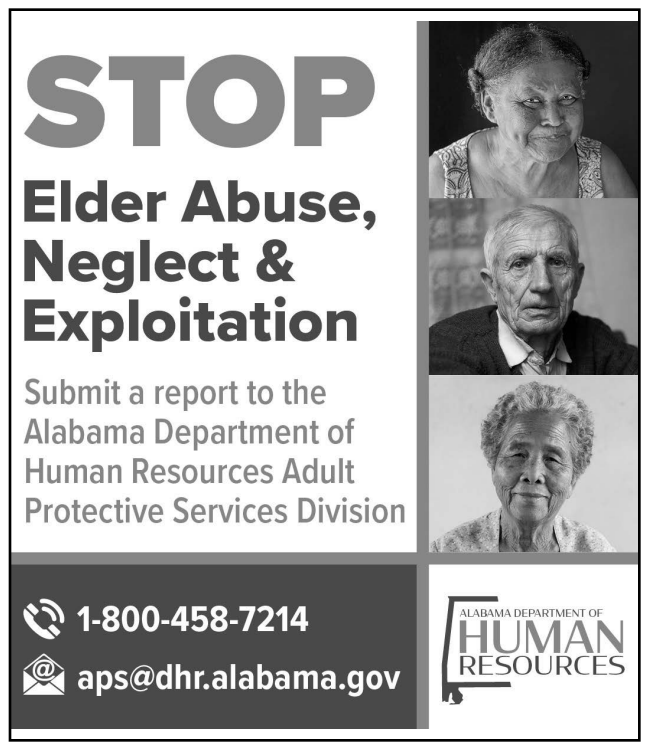
Everyone gets a bingo card to check off the authors they meet. If you fill your card, you can trade it in for raffle tickets and have a chance to win book-themed prize baskets.

Some of these prizes are sponsored by the authors themselves.

Creekmore said the expo gives independent authors a chance to meet readers, network and share their work. Organizers hope this event will become a regular tradition in Cullman.

"We have so many local authors who love meeting their readers, and we want to support them," Creekmore said. "The Cullman library's mission is to make connections in our community and provide opportunities for growth, discovery and inspiration."

The Traditions Bank Event Center is located at 301 First St. SW in Cullman. The event is free and everyone is welcome.



LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
MARGARET E. McDUGALD,) CASE NO PC 2023-390
Deceased.)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: CARMEN STACY BARBER A.K.A. CARMEN STACEY BARBER and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of MARGARET E. McDUGALD, deceased.

The Petition of Pamela Dyer Pierce to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Floyd Dyer, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **27th day of August, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

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

Done this the 22nd day of May, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at Technology Village located at 105 Clark Street NE 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. Brock Trace Subdivision - County Road 1464 & County Road 1466 – minimum rear lot setbacks

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC2026-201

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KAREN SUE HOLT, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to James Holt, as Administrator of the Estate of Karen Sue Holt, Deceased, on the 4th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

JAMES HOLT
Administrator of the
Estate of Karen Sue Holt,
Deceased

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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

YOU WILL TAKE NOTICE that Shelbie Hankey, as Conservator of the Estate of Belinda Kilgore, an Incapacitated Person, filed her account and vouchers for final settlement of said Estate on the 3rd day of March 2026, and that the 25th day of June, 2026, at 9:00 am was appointed to hear said settlement.

DONE this 10th day of March, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain, Circuit Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
TIMOTHY PHILLIPS, A.K.A.)
TIMOTHY LEE PHILLIPS and) CASE NO PC 2025-191
TIM PHILLIPS,)
Deceased.)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
APPLICATION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

TO: LAUREN NICOLE PHILLIPS WILLIAMS and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of TIMOTHY PHILLIPS, A.K.A. TIMOTHY LEE PHILLIPS and TIM PHILLIPS, deceased.

The *Application to Sell Real Property* of Hanna Phillips Harper regarding the estate of Timothy Phillips, A.K.A. Timothy Lee Phillips and Tim Phillips, deceased has been set for hearing on the **28th day of July, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

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

Done this the 22nd day of May, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ALTON LEE DAVIS, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-200

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ancillary Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Clara Lee Ellis on the 8th day of June, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Clara Lee Ellis
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LONNIE WILLIAM HARRIS, JR. * CASE NO.: PC 2025-413
aka LONNIE HARRIS, JR., *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Donna K. Harris, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lonnie William Harris, Jr. aka Lonnie Harris Jr., deceased, on the 1st day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Donna K. Harris
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

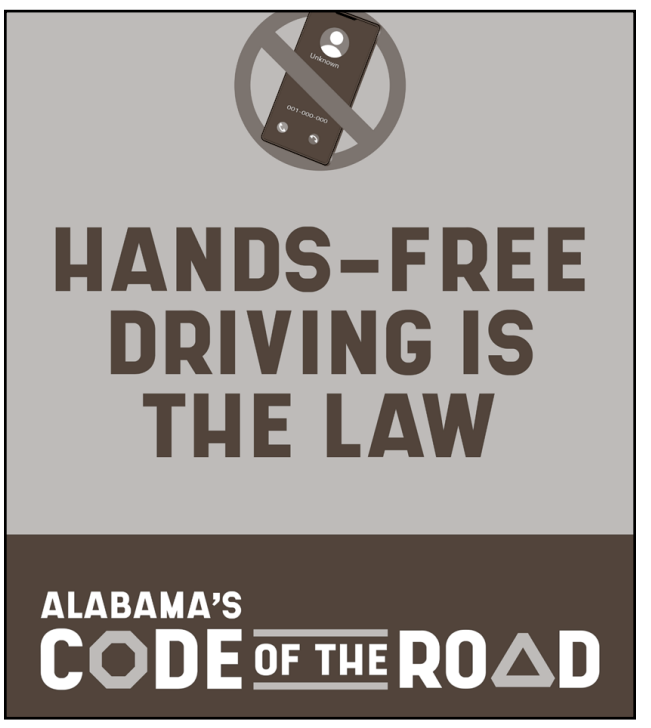
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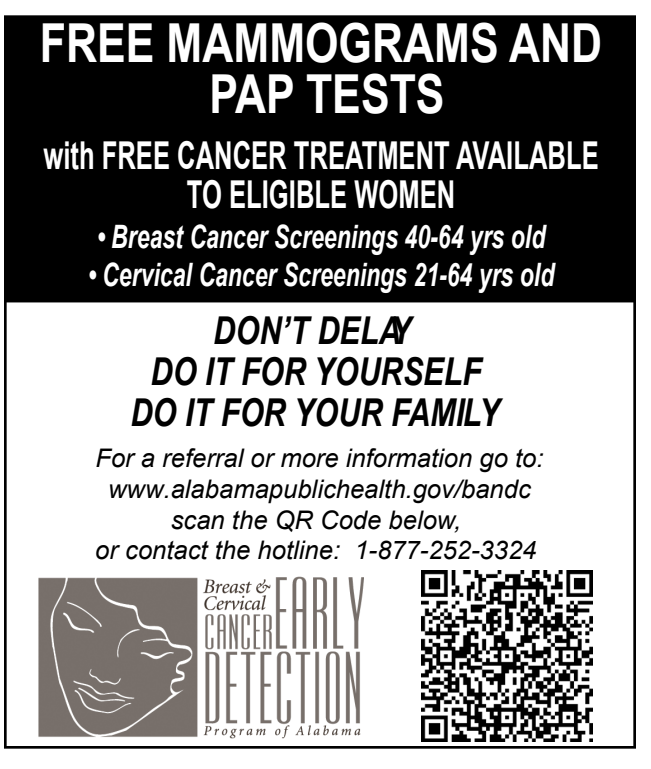












Campus (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Christian School will move its upper school campus, which includes grades 7-12, to the Cullman OmniPlex for the 2026-27 school year. The school has seen a big increase in enrollment, nearly doubling in recent years.

Principal Heith Yearwood explained that this move is the next step to make room for more students.

"When we came, we were on one campus and had 180 students," Yearwood said. "This coming year, we're going to be somewhere between 340 and 350."

As more students enrolled, the school started looking for extra space for its upper school. Three years ago, Cullman Christian rented classrooms from Desperation Church, then moved to the church's student center near Depot Park, where classes have been held for the last two years. Since that building is now being sold, school leaders began searching for a new location. After talking with Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism officials, they found the chance to lease classroom space at the OmniPlex.

Yearwood pointed out that the school is renting the OmniPlex just like anyone else would. "We're renting the space just like anyone else would rent it. We think it's beneficial for them because they're receiving rent instead of those rooms sitting unused during the week, and it benefits us because we're able to provide a first-class facility for our students."

Moving the upper school will also let Cullman Christian keep growing its elementary program. The school just had its largest graduating class with 15 students, and this fall, they expect 48 new kindergarteners.

Because of this growth, there are now several classes for each grade in elementary, and for the first time, there will be two seventh-grade classes.

Yearwood said the move is mainly about making room for future growth, not just getting better facilities. "If we had to bring all of the high school students back to the main campus, we wouldn't be able to continue growing our elementary school," he said.

Families can expect the move to be a lot like the upper school's time at Depot Park. Daily routines, supervision and transportation will mostly stay the same. Students with siblings on the main campus or those in after-school activities will still have shuttle service between campuses. Yearwood also mentioned that the OmniPlex has built-in security features, such as controlled-access entrances and lock-down options.

There will be an open house for families before the school year starts, but the date has not been set yet. School officials expect it to happen the week before classes begin on Aug. 12.

School leaders still hope to build a permanent upper school in the future, but Yearwood said the OmniPlex is a great solution for now.

"We hope it enhances the educational experience for our students," he said. "It's a beautiful facility, it's close to our school and it allows us to continue growing while we work toward having our own permanent space in the future."

Finalist (from Front)

that mission by equipping and empowering our students to harness the power of opportunity to make their lives better. Wallace State's faculty and staff have, for years, engaged in reforms designed to improve student success toward social and economic mobility, and this finalist designation is a testament to the quality of their results-oriented work."

The United States relies on community colleges to help millions of students improve their lives and economic standing while preparing the skilled workforce employers need. Long known for access and affordability, the sector today enrolls 40% of all undergraduates nationally, some in programs that prepare students for specific jobs and others designed for transfer and bachelor's attainment at a four-year college or university.

Over the past 25 years, the focus of reforms nationally has been moving from access to success, and as a result, graduation rates have improved by over 13 percentage points.

But post-graduation outcomes still need improvement: More than a third of community college credentials do not lead to strong workforce outcomes or successful transfer and bachelor's attainment after graduation.

To this end, the Aspen Prize finalists have adopted reforms and practices to improve both completion and post-completion outcomes.

The complete list of finalists can be accessed at as.pn/prize.

"Student outcomes like those we see at the 10 finalists cannot be achieved without major reforms to programs of study, student advising systems and other college practices that we know make a difference," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program.

"We're excited to dive in and learn more about how these colleges accomplished these outcomes so that we can elevate their work and enable 1,000 community colleges nationally to achieve similar success."

Over nearly two years, the Aspen Prize selection process examines data and reviews applications that reveal which colleges achieve strong and improving student outcomes in several areas, including student learning, credential completion, labor market success and transfer/bachelor's attainment. Read about some of the outcomes that contributed to this year's finalists being selected at https://highered.aspeninstitute.org/press-releases/aspen-institute-announces-finalists-2027-1-million-aspen-prize-community-college.

The Aspen Prize selection process began in October 2025, when Aspen applied a formula assessing student outcomes to select 200 colleges and invite them to apply for the Prize. From the 170 that applied, a 15-member independent selection committee selected 25 semifinalists — and now 10 finalists — based on comprehensive outcomes data and evidence of the practices that led to those outcomes.

In fall 2026, teams of experts will conduct in-depth site visits to each finalist institution and review additional data. The Aspen Prize winner will be selected by an independent Aspen Prize Jury and announced in April 2027.

"I remember what it meant to all of us at Miami Dade College to be named a finalist and ultimately a winner of the Aspen Prize," said Pascale Charlot, managing director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program and former campus president at Miami Dade College.

"It not only affirmed the hard work we had done to enact reforms that helped thousands more students succeed, but more broadly recognized the incredible things community colleges could achieve for students and communities in Miami and across the country. I congratulate this year's finalists and look forward to not just learning from their work, but partnering with my colleagues at Aspen to bring these practices to other institutions in their effort to strengthen outcomes for their students and communities."

To read more about the selection process and see a list of past winners, visit as.pn/prize.

To support community colleges in assessing their student outcomes, Aspen has developed a free benchmarking tool that includes the full set of metrics used to evaluate nearly 1,000 community colleges. The tool allows institutions to compare outcomes with top-performing peers, incorporating both data from federal sources and from the National Student Clearinghouse. Learn more at as.pn/prizebenchmarking.

The Aspen Prize is generously funded by the Ascendium Education Group and the Joyce Foundation.

The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program aims to strengthen higher education leadership and practice to improve student outcomes—with the ultimate goal of advancing economic mobility and developing talent for the good of each individual and society as a whole. For more information, visit www.highered.aspeninstitute.org.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Ron M. Roberson and Brenda C Roberson in favor of Peoples Bank of Alabama, dated September 15, 2023, and recorded in Book 2063 starting at Page 96 on or about September 20, 2023 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; the undersigned Peoples Bank of Alabama, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse in the City of Cullman, Cullman County, Alabama, on June 18, 2026, during the legal hours of sale, all its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 25 and 26 of Lakeshore West Subdivision, Phase II, as shown and known on the recorded plat thereof in Map Slide B-285-B, in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama

The property address is: 55 County Rd 142, Crane Hill, AL 35053

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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.

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CITY OF HANCEVILLE, AL

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-10

AN AMMENDMENT 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 15th 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 Dover Enterprises of Alabama, LLC zoned R-1 Low Density Residential, located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, Parcel #23- 05-21-0-050-23.000, PIN #44361 be rezoned to R-2 Medium Density Residential, described as follows, to-wit:

   Beginning at Station 47 + 60 on the east right of way of the Hanceville-Blountsville highway, thence Easterly 90 degrees tangent to curve arc a distance of 110 feet, thence northerly to a point 260 feet east of the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter; of section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, thence West along half forty line to the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence south along the West line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter to the East right of way line of the above described Highway; thence easterly along right of way line of the point of beginning. Said strip of land lying in the southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Hanceville, Alabama, Cullman, County Alabama.

   ALSO:
   Beginning fifty feet west of Station 47 + 60 on the east right of way line of the Blountsville and Hanceville Highway, right of way line of the Blountsville and Hanceville Highway, thence easterly 90 degrees tangent to curve arc a distance of 110 feet, thence northerly 90 feet to corner being a distance of 200 feet thence west 160 feet to Quarter line, thence south along the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter to the east right of way line a distance of 140 feet, thence easterly 100 feet along above described highway to point of beginning. Said house and lot being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West. (Now in Hanceville, Alabama) Cullman County, Alabama.

   LESS AND EXCEPT:
   Beginning at Station 47 + 60 on the East Right of Way of the Hanceville-Blountsville Highway; thence Northeasterly 90 degrees tangent to curve arc a distance of 110 feet; thence 18 degrees, 23 minutes LT 162 feet; thence West 219.56 feet to the West line of the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West; thence South along said ¼- ¼ line 176 feet to said Right of way; thence Southeasterly along said right-of way 147.71 feet to the point of beginning. Said land being in the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 21, Township 11 South, Range 2 West in Cullman County, Alabama and being 0.95 acre, more or less.

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 25th day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m., 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 or their appointee 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.

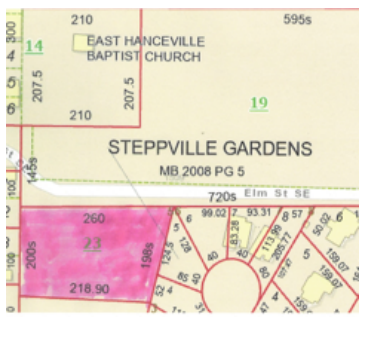
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

7. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above-described property is now zoned R-2 Medium Density Residential and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

8. This ordinance adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026 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.

Nolan Bradford
Mayor

Attest: Robert Powell, Council Member
Authorized Attesting Official



Suspect (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, June 10, reported that the body of a suspect wanted in Madison County, Alabama, was found in the Welti area.

The CCSO said it was contacted Tuesday, June 9, by the Madison County Sheriff's Office regarding two suspects wanted in connection with arson and drug charges. They were believed to be in Cullman County.

"After receiving a report of a structure fire near County Road 765, patrol deputies and investigators responded to the area," the CCSO said in a statement. "The suspects were believed to be nearby due to one suspect owning property in the area."

During the search of the property, the CCSO said, deputies located one deceased individual.

Neither the deceased suspect nor the other suspect has been identified by law enforcement.

"The second suspect remains at large and a statewide BOLO has been issued for this suspect with all law enforcement agencies," said the statement.

"The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will maintain a high visual presence in the County Road 765 area. We do NOT anticipate the other suspect returning to this location.

"However, we will maintain a high patrol presence with marked and unmarked cars for community safety."

Said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, "I appreciate the strong response from our deputies, investigators and all those who assisted us today.

"The safety of our citizens is our top priority and everyone here will continue to work with Madison County Sheriff's Office to apprehend the second suspect."

Madison County Sheriff Kevin Turner said, "This is the side of law enforcement the public doesn't always see.

"Investigations often require extensive coordination between agencies, and that's exactly what has taken place in this case.

"Our detectives have remained in close contact with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, sharing information and assisting their efforts.

"Strong partnerships between law enforcement agencies are essential, and we're committed to working together to bring these individuals into custody."

The CCSO advised that If anyone sees the suspect in your area, please contact the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0343.



Toby (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Toby is the kind of dog who may take a moment to trust, but once he does, he gives his whole heart. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Toby is a hound mix who is approximately 2 years old. He is a low-energy, people-loving fellow who may be a little shy at first. Once Toby puts his faith in you, though, all of those walls come down.

This remarkable guy is slowly gaining weight, and the good news is his appetite is great.

Hounds are known for following their noses, but Toby would much rather follow his person.

Because Toby is already neutered, his adoption fee has been reduced to $35. That reduced fee is not a reflection of his worth. In our opinion, Toby is priceless.

Toby is the perfect example of a therapy, companion and all-around swell-guy dog.

Toby has stolen the hearts of shelter workers and volunteers, and he just might steal yours, too.

Those interested in meeting Toby can visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Toby has already been adopted, be sure to check out his friends at the shelter. Plenty of wonderful pets are still waiting for their forever homes.

