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From hometown service to statewide leadership: Sartin named AAEM president

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tim Sartin has spent much of his life working behind the scenes to help keep Cullman County prepared, informed and safe.

Now, that work will help guide emergency management efforts across Alabama.

Cullman County EMA announced that Sartin was recently sworn in as president of the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers during the association's annual state conference in Mobile.

The role places Sartin in a statewide leadership position representing emergency managers, supporting training and professional development, strengthening communication between agencies and advocating for the needs of local emergency » PAGE 7



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Tim Sartin

Cullman City Council sets public hearing for possible new fencing ordinance



CITY OF CULLMAN

Cullman City Council recognized Cullman High student Grayson Gay as Alabama Public Television Young Hero during the Monday, June 15, 2026, council meeting. Also pictured are Mayor Woody Jacobs, CHS Guidance Counselor Shannon Dutton and Council President Kim Hall.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At its meeting on Monday, June 15, the Cullman City Council set a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2026-39, regarding residential fencing

Building Inspector Brandon Lewis explained that the ordinance expands on the city's existing one. He noted the proposed ordinance says fences should not be made of certain materials to avoid potential hazards to public safety. This prevents the use of pallets, scrap and other materials that could infringe on structural integrity. It would be unlawful to erect barbed, electric or razor wire fences on residentially zoned property.

The council set a public hearing for this item for June 20, 2026, at the City Hall Auditorium at 7 p.m. to amend the zoning ordinance section 62-38.

The council approved Resolution No. 2026-112, adopting job descriptions including the Accounting, Administration, Building Inspection, Maintenance, Police, Risk Management, Street and Traffic departments.

The council recently made an announcement online that the week of June 15-19 is National Waste and Recycling Workers Week.

They labeled this week as a time to recognize the hard-working members of the City of Cullman Sanitation Department who help keep our community clean, safe and beautiful every day.

Councilman David Moss announced that the Wild-Water Cullman Lazy River and Heritage Park Splashpad projects have been completed.

"They're still finishing up a few remaining details as far as landscaping," he said. "There will be a grand opening in the next couple of weeks."

Mayor Woody Jacobs announced that the Heritage Park parking lot project should be completed within the next few weeks.

Council President Kim Hall announced the new City of Cullman website will launch in mid-July.

"It's very user friendly!" she said.

She also wel- » PAGE 8

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Blount County man arrested for allegedly poisoning 4 cats in Cullman County



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported June 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 17, 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

June 15

• harassment; person; Childhaven Rd. NE
• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Ward Ave. SW

June 16

• theft of property-4th degree; person; cash

ARRESTS
June 15-16

Swann, Jr., Johnny G.; 44
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Bushaw, Bradley R.; 30
• retail theft of property-2nd degree

Spicer, Catherine M.; 45
• harassment

Beasley, Anthony R.; 54
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• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (4 counts)

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• FTA – theft of property-4th degree (4 counts)
• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Clements, Rachel G.; 54
• FTA – driving without license (2 counts)
• FTA – insurance violation

Townsel, Anthony C.; 39
• assault-2nd degree

Prentiss, Roman C.; 22
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Roberts, Brittany L.; 29
• domestic violence-3rd degree

Hays, Daniel J.; 49
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree
• FTA – run red light
• FTA – insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA – expired tag

Thursby, Jr., Terry W.; 38
• FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)

Stiefelmeyer III, Carl A.; 61
• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Turney sentenced to 22 years in 2020 CR 222 burglary, protection order case

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Terry Lelan Turney, 60, of Arab, was sentenced Wednesday, June 17, to 22 years in prison for burglary and one year for violation of a protection order.

Circuit Court Judge Chad Floyd ordered the sentences to run concurrently, according to Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker. The sentence comes after a Cullman County jury convicted Turney May 12 following a four-day trial.

The convictions stem from Turney's role in a 2020 home invasion and fire on County Road 222, according to Crocker. The district attorney's office previously said another defendant in the case had been convicted of arson.

The Tribune previously reported that Turney, then 54, was arrested in connection with the case on charges of second-degree arson, third-degree burglary and violation of a domestic violence protection order. The convictions announced May 12 were for burglary and violation of a domestic violence protection order.

Crocker said his office requested a long sentence under Alabama's Habitual Felony Offender Act.

"We asked for a long sentence based on the Habitual Felony Offender Act," Crocker said. "Turney had previous convictions for drugs and for shooting into an occupied dwelling, and has been arrested 31 times. He's dangerous, violent and just plain mean."

After Turney's conviction in May, Crocker said his office would seek an enhanced sentence because of Turney's criminal history.

"Terry Turney is a habitual offender with a history of using violence to target others," Crocker said at the time. "With this being his third felony conviction, we will request a significant sentence under the habitual offender law."

Floyd presided over the trial and sentencing.

After the May conviction, Crocker credited Assistant District Attorneys Tina Burgett and Kerry Baswell, Trial Coordinator Amanda Gosa, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Capt. Phillip Harris, multiple deputies and expert witnesses who assisted during the trial.


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Terry Lelan Turney

Crocker also thanked the victim in the case following Wednesday's sentencing.

"The most rewarding part of my job is standing with victims and seeing them become unafraid of those who hurt them," Crocker said. "This victim and others can rest easier knowing Turney will be imprisoned for a long time."

Dooley sentenced to 198 years in 2020 New Canaan double homicide

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tyler Dwight Dooley, 32, of Arab, was sentenced Wednesday, June 17, to two consecutive 99-year prison terms for the Aug. 15, 2020, deaths of Levi Benjamin Lawrence, 24, of Cullman, and Dalton Matthew Bannister, 36, of Blountsville.

Circuit Court Judge Emily Johnston sentenced Dooley to 99 years for each death, with the sentences to run consecutively, according to Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker. The sentence comes after a Cullman County jury convicted Dooley May 11 of two counts of felony murder.

"Tyler Dooley did everything to avoid accountability," Crocker said. "He ran from the law after this crime happened. He escaped from the Cullman County jail while awaiting trial. And during the trial, he laughed and smirked like this was all some kind of joke. Justice was done with these guilty verdicts last month, and again today at sentencing."

Crocker also thanked the families of Lawrence and Bannister.

"I appreciate the family members who sat through this trial and who spoke at the sentencing hearing," Crocker said. "They are carrying a burden no one should have to bear, but I hope this result eases their pain."

The case stems from an Aug. 15, 2020, shooting in the New Canaan community in northeast Cullman County.

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office said at the time that a call was transferred from Blount County 911 to Cullman County dispatchers at approximately 1:30 a.m. regarding a possible shooting near a residence along County Road 1854.

Deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and officers with the Arab Police Department responded to the scene and found two people dead and one person seriously injured.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the men killed as Lawrence, 24, of Cullman, and Bannister, 36, of Blountsville. Both were pronounced dead at the scene.

Initial information released by the sheriff's office indicated the shooting followed an altercation involving multiple people. Authorities later connected the case to a robbery.

In 2020, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said Lawrence was the victim in the case and said Bannister was one of the offenders.

"Mr. Lawrence was the victim in this case," Gentry said at the time. "Mr. Bannister, that is deceased, is the offender."

Gentry said investigators determined Lawrence had gone to the residence after receiving a message from one of the people later arrested in the case.

"As we were investigating, putting the pieces of the puzzle together, this is what we determined," Gentry said in 2020. "Mr. Lawrence had received a message from one of the offenders that we've arrested about hanging out at this residence (in New Canaan). So, Mr. Lawrence is there talking to his friend, Mr. Drane, at the residence belonging to another offender that we've arrested; his name is Ricky Martin. Mr. Martin is known to associate with people that are not the best. At this point, later on in the night, Mr. Dooley, Bannister and the female arrived at the residence...Mr. Lawrence realized that these people are not who you want to be around. Mr. Lawrence told them that he was going to leave. As Mr. Lawrence attempted to leave, Bannister and Dooley had predetermined that they were going to rob Lawrence of his possessions. These individuals are known throughout those communities to do those of kind of things."

Gentry said Lawrence was confronted as he tried to leave.

"As Mr. Lawrence attempts to leave, he's confronted by an armed suspect, Bannister, at which time Mr. Lawrence was also armed and an altercation occurs and there is rounds that are exchanged," Gentry said. "After the gunfight, Dooley flees the scene, leaving Bannister and the female on the ground."

The Tribune previously reported that Samantha Star Robertson, 25 of Cleveland, Alabama, who was hospitalized after the shooting, was later identified as the female who was shot. She was charged in September 2020 and later indicted in April 2026.

Dooley and Robertson were indicted April 13, 2026, on two counts of murder in connection with the deaths of Lawrence and Bannister. A third defendant, Jacob Andrew Drane, 27, of Cullman, pleaded guilty Feb. 13, 2026, to two counts of manslaughter and was sentenced to 15 years on each count, to be served consecutively.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Tyler Dwight Dooley

Dooley was convicted May 11 following a jury trial.

Crocker said Cullman County Sheriff's Office investigators were instrumental in the case.

"The Cullman Sheriff investigators did an outstanding job making this case," Crocker said. "Their dedication and hard work are the reason we are here."

Previous Tribune coverage

• Tyler Dooley convicted of felony murder in 2020 New Canaan double homicide: www.cullmantribune.com/2026/05/11/tyler-dooley-convicted-of-felony-murder-in-2020-new-canaan-double-homicide

• 2 indicted in connection with 2020 Cullman County double homicide; 1 pleads guilty: www.cullmantribune.com/2026/04/16/2-indicted-in-connection-with-2020-cullman-county-double-homicide-1-pleads-guilty

• 3rd person now charged with murder in New Canaan shooting death: www.cullmantribune.com/2020/09/08/3rd-person-now-charged-with-murder-in-new-canaan-shooting-death

• 2nd man now charged with murder in New Canaan shooting death: www.cullmantribune.com/2020/08/20/2nd-man-now-charged-with-murder-in-new-canaan-shooting-death

• 2 dead, 1 injured in shooting in Cullman County: www.cullmantribune.com/2020/08/15/2-dead-1-injured-in-shooting-in-cullman-county

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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
• 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
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, June 19 – 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
• Saturday, June 20 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, June 21 – 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.
• 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!
• 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.

Knights of Columbus Bingo Fundraiser
The Knights of Columbus Council 1484 at Sacred Heart Church in Cullman would like to invite the community to our upcoming Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, June 20. The event will be held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart gym, located at 217 Second St. SE, Cullman. Guests can enjoy a full day of bingo, food, refreshments, fellowship and opportunities to win great prizes. This family-friendly event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend. The event serves as a fundraiser supporting the charitable works of Knights of Columbus Council 1484.

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.

Little Pink Dress Benefit
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FAITH

Hanceville's Kynzlee Farr discusses her faith, how it played a role in the Bulldogs' run to state

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hanceville rising junior Kynzlee Farr has God to thank for so many things that she has achieved in her life so far. In an interview with the Tribune, Farr touched on her faith and how He gave her a purpose outside of sports.

"God means everything to me. As a student-athlete, there are many challenges and difficult moments, but having faith in God keeps me from worrying in those moments. I know that in the classroom and in athletic events that God is always with me, no matter the situation. In the bad times, I try to always remember that God has a plan for me," Farr said. "God changed my life by giving me a purpose beyond the sports I play. I have played softball since I was three, so it has always been a big part of my life. God has helped me to have an identity that is defined by my performance in sports. I still compete and work at my sports, but I know that in wins and losses, I am not defined about that."

Kynzlee leaned on a certain Bible verse during Hanceville's run to the state tournament and also uses it during times when she worries about some big moments in her life. Another one of her goals is to help people of all ages have that same kind of relationship with Jesus Christ.

"One of my favorite Bible verses is Joshua 1:9. During the moments where I am nervous before a big game like our games in the state tournament, I always think of this Bible verse, because it reminds me that God is always with me and to not worry. I use this Bible verse in all big moments in my life that I feel worried about. It reminds me that God is in control and that His plan is what is best for me," Farr said. "I feel that it is very important to help people of all ages find God, because God can help people find peace in the situation that they are in. No matter the situation, knowing that God is with you always help you to worry less about the situation. I feel like knowing God could help many people worry less about the situation knowing that God is in control. This year, one of our main goals of the softball team was for each player to find God and know that He is in control and has a plan for each one of us. It is important that even as a teenager that you find God. We did Bible Studies, had a scripture after each practice, and always prayed at the end of each event."

Being that kind of role model for countless kids in and outside of sports and school is at the top of Kynzlee's list, and she has a ton of Godly role models that she's blessed to have in her life.

"It is one of the most important things to me. I feel like knowing and finding God has been the best thing to happen to me. I want those younger kids to know that believing in God and spreading that belief to others is something that needs to be done. I feel like I need to help those younger kids with their belief in God and show them how they can help others to believe in God by praying for the glory of God, or by showing them that they know that God has a plan for them in their life. I feel like many younger kids don't understand God's Word fully, so helping them to understand it in different ways is something that I feel helps me to be a role model to these younger kids," Farr said. "My Godly role models are all of my coaches and my mom. All of my coaches have shown us how to give Him all the glory for the things that happen. When we made our state run in softball this past season, our coaching staff and my teammates gave all of the glory for us making it to the state tournament to Him. This past basketball season, our coaches taught us that through adversity to put it in God's hands, and He will handle the rest. My mom has shown me that when you have struggles in life to give all of your problems to God, and He will help you deal with them."

Her favorite school mission is helping younger kids become not only better people and athletes but also better children of God, and she gave some advice to those people who are either struggling or are new when it comes to having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"My favorite school mission has been mentoring younger kids through athletics, and being the best athlete and Godly figure that I can. I want to show these younger kids how they can be competitive while also playing for the glory of God," she said. "My advice would be to find someone who they look up to as a Godly figure to help them to either find God or to help them through their struggles. This person can help them to find God again or to find Him for the first time."

Kynzlee played a huge part in what ended up being a very special season for the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs in softball, and their faith brought them that much closer together on and off the field.

"It was one of the greatest softball seasons I've ever had. This year, having a new coach come in, we didn't know what to expect. Coach Kim Lewis has helped change the culture of Hanceville softball in a very positive way. She has brought each player's love for the game back and brought the love for God into our team. During the end of the season, we faced adversity with one of our players, Bentley Childers, getting injured. We knew that God would be with us throughout this adversity. Also, our community stepped up big during this time, making sure we had all of the stuff we needed to travel for the regional and state tournaments. This was very special for all of us players, and we hope to make the same run next year but come home with a blue map." she said.



Hanceville's Kynzlee Farr

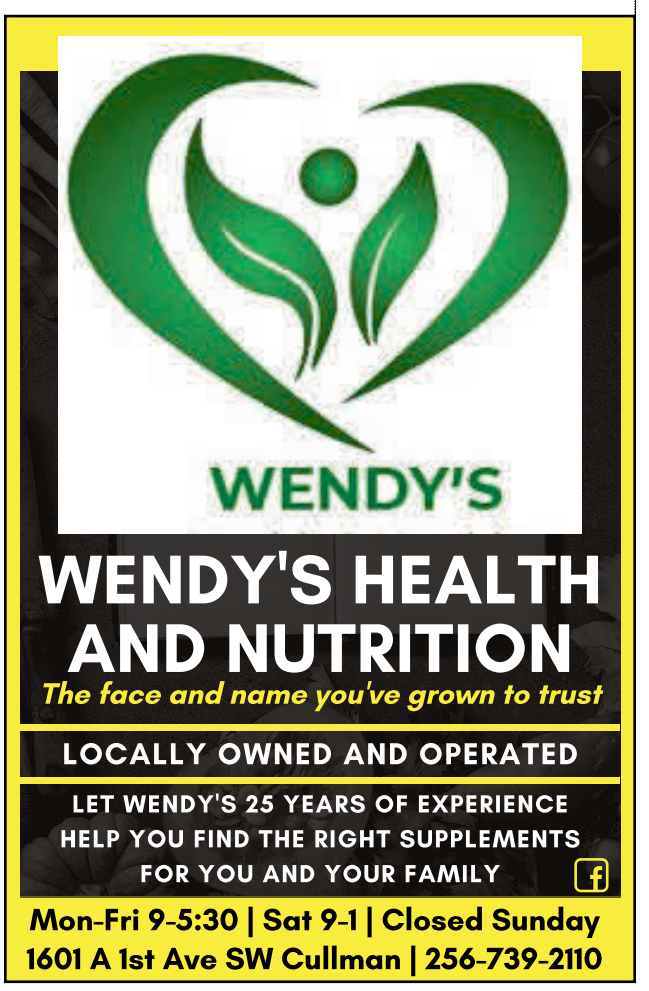
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Kynzlee added, "Faith helped bring all of us closer together on and off the field, because we are all God's children, so we are all connected. On the field, we had to have faith that God was in control of what was happening, and that win or lose, it was all part of His plan. During our close game with Randolph County at Regionals, in the 7th inning when the bases were loaded, we had to have faith that the hard work we put in at practice would help us, and that God would handle the rest."

She has not only grown a lot during her walk with God, but she has also learned a very important thing from it as well. She wants people to take away a lot from Hanceville's incredible season.

"I have grown a lot during my walk with God. When I was younger, I didn't fully understand what it means to believe in God and to give all of your glory to God. Now, I understand what it means to fully believe in God and how to give glory to God," she said. "One thing that I have learned the most is how to trust that God's plan is the right plan for you. Even if something you believe you should have gotten doesn't work out, you have to know that it is all a part of the plan that God has created specifically for you," she said. "I want people to remember that in order to have an historic season like this, it's not just one person who put the team there. The whole team had to come out and play every game to get there. We had people who doubted us, but we knew that if we put in the work, God would handle the rest for us. I would also want people to remember the adversity that we faced, and even though you face adversity, as a team, you can get through it."







Wallace State featured on season 16 of 'The College Tour' on Amazon Prime

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will be featured in Season 16 of "The College Tour," the nationally acclaimed television series available for streaming on Amazon Prime Video. The new season premiered Tuesday, June 16, 2026, with Wallace State highlighted in Episode 5. Viewers can watch the season at https://tinyurl.com/e28427ya.

Since its launch in 2020, "The College Tour" has helped students and families explore higher education opportunities from anywhere, growing into a network of more than 250 partner institutions across 46 states. The series showcases authentic student stories, campus highlights, and the many ways colleges prepare students for meaningful careers and successful futures.

Wallace State's featured episode spotlights five exceptional students representing the college's Academic, Health Science, Technical, Fine and Performing Arts and Athletics programs. Through their stories, viewers will experience the vibrant campus environment and supportive culture at Wallace State.

Featured students include:

- Diana Boatright, Entrepreneurship
- Tiger Flanigan, Construction Management
- Jonathan Gray, Culinary Arts
- Anna Wynn, Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- ReAnna Rusk, Fine and Performing Arts student studying Dental Hygiene

Each student shares a personal journey of discovery, finding their passion, developing new skills and benefiting from the college's resources and supportive faculty. Their experiences reflect Wallace State's commitment to helping students set ambitious goals and achieve success both in the classroom and beyond.

"Being featured on The College Tour is an incredible opportunity to showcase the heart of Wallace State, our students," said Kristen Holmes, vice president of students & chief marketing officer. "These five individuals demonstrate determination, resilience, and purpose. Their stories reflect the opportunities and resources at Wallace State and the many ways we empower students to achieve their goals and prepare for meaningful careers."

Viewers will see firsthand how Wallace State fosters a welcoming community where students are encouraged to explore their interests, discover new talents and gain the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce.

In addition to student perspectives, the episode features a conversation between "The College Tour" Host and Producer Alex Boylan and Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. The segment highlights the college's continued growth and success, including its recent designation as an Aspen Institute Rising Star.

City School Board recognizes student Isaac Heinze for perfect ACT score, approves transfer for tennis project

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CULLMAN, Ala. — During its regular meeting on June 16, the Cullman City Board of Education recognized Cullman High School student Isaac Heinze for earning a perfect ACT score.

It also approved a $500,000 transfer from the Turf Replacement Fund to the City of Cullman to help fund the Tennis Court Rehabilitation and Addition Project on Stadium Drive.

In a statement, the Board shared, "In the June meeting of the Cullman City Board of Education, the Board approved a recommendation from Superintendent (Kyle) Kallhoff to reallocate $500,000 to support the City of Cullman in its Tennis Court renovation and addition project.

"This investment represents a continuous strategic partnership between Cullman City Schools and the City of Cullman that will enhance athletic and recreational opportunities for our students and the broader community. The proposed project will improve existing tennis facilities, expand court capacity and provide a modern venue capable of supporting school athletics, physical education activities, community programming and regional events.

"The reallocation of these funds reflects the district's commitment to maximizing the impact of taxpayer resources through collaborative projects that benefit both students and citizens. By partnering with the City of Cullman on this initiative, the school system can help ensure access to high-quality tennis facilities while supporting long-term community development goals."

Also approved were several personnel, financial and operational matters. Aldridge, Borden & Company, P.C. presented the district's fiscal year 2025 audit. The board also approved the April 2026 financial report, salary schedules and extracurricular supplement schedules for the 2026-27 school year.

In addition, the board approved several service contracts for the upcoming school year, covering behavioral analysis, physical and occupational therapy, vision services, auditory-verbal therapy and mental health services.

It also approved agreements with WellStone Inc. and Brooks' Place to provide mental health support for Cullman City Schools and Turning Point.

For the 2026-27 school year, the board awarded Bid No. 26-04 for behavioral consultant services to Milestones Behavior Group and Howard's Autism Learning Center LLC, and Bid No. 26-05 for physical and occupational therapy consultant services to Encore Rehabilitation Inc.

The board also approved a $75,374 contract with Vanguard Cleaning Systems for janitorial services at West Elementary School.



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

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As part of the consent agenda, the board approved a photography contract with Timepiece Treasures Photography for Cullman High School for the 2026-27 school year. The board also approved the district's bus driver and transportation plan and gave permission for Cullman High School senior football players to go on a rafting trip on Tennessee's Ocoee River in July.

The board declared several items as surplus, including a MacBook Pro from the Technology Department, furniture and old textbooks from Cullman Middle School and equipment from East Elementary School such as a 3D printer, a printer, a document camera and microscopes.

Personnel actions for the 2026-27 school year included resignations, transfers, new hires, stipends, supplements, contracts and service agreements.

The next regular Cullman City Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 8:30 a.m.

Cullman Tree Commission discusses Festival of Trees, Heritage Park replanting, and community tree issues

Leanne H. West
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Tree Commission met Tuesday, June 16, in the Administration Conference Room at city hall. The meeting was held in the conference room rather than the city hall auditorium because the auditorium was being used as a polling location for the Primary Runoff Election.

During the city arborist's report, Shane Bivins updated the Commission on tree-related work completed following recent storms, including the removal of several fallen trees that had blocked roadways.

The Commission also discussed the removal of approximately 40 trees at Heritage Park as part of a parking lot expansion project and plans for replanting trees in the area.

The Commission heard from a resident regarding concerns about a dying pecan tree that may be located within the city's right-of-way. Bivins said he would investigate the matter and determine whether the tree falls under city jurisdiction.

Members also discussed plans for the annual Festival of Trees, a community holiday event held at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center. The Festival features Christmas trees decorated by local schools and sponsored by various organizations, businesses and community groups.

Tentative dates for the 2026 event were reviewed, and additional discussions were held regarding tree donations, storage and event promotion.

In other business, Chairman Barry Slatton reported that Commission member Rob Werner has completed a tree species guide containing photographs and information on approved tree species for planting within the city. The guide is expected to be made available online as a public resource.

The Commission also received updates on the new Agriplex facility and greenhouse at Sportsman Lake Park, discussed the status of recently planted Pistache trees and heard a brief report on a potential grant opportunity being explored through another tree commission.

The next meeting of the City of Cullman Tree Commission will be Tuesday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. in the city hall auditorium. All meetings of the Tree Commission are open to the public.

Berlin (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Town Council at its June 15 meeting adopted a new amusement and gaming device ordinance and announced an upcoming event.

The council addressed Ordinance No. 2026-002, to amend Ordinance No. 2026-005 pertaining to business licenses for amusement and gaming devices.

"Anything that rewards a tangible prize is covered under this business license ordinance," Mayor Patrick Bates stated.

This will put into effect yearly fees amounting to $1,200 per device to maintain certain entertainment devices.

Bates spoke to the council about potentially replacing cross drains, culverts and more along County Roads 1619 and 1620.

This item was tabled until the town receives additional quotes.

Bates previously advised the council to consider and compile suggestions for revised street names.

There were no updates, but the council will address the matter at a later date.

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Cup O' Community networking event at the Berlin Farmers Market on Tuesday, June 23, from 2-4 p.m. Coffee will be provided by Travelin' Tom's Coffee Truck and the first 25 customers will receive a free cup of coffee.

"Whether you're a longtime resident, a new neighbor, business owner, community leader, or simply looking to make new connections, we invite you to stop by, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy some meaningful conversation," the town said.

The next Berlin Town Council meeting will be on Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. at Berlin Town Hall.

For more info, email clerk@berlinal.gov.

Results (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — John Wahl, Barry Moore, Katherine Robertson, Corey Hill, Jim "Zig" Zeigler and Everett Wess came out on top statewide in Tuesday's Primary Runoff Elections.

Cullman County voters cast 7,844 ballots in the June 16 primary runoff, according to unofficial results from 50 of 51 boxes reporting.

The remaining box represents provisional ballots.

Republican ballots accounted for 7,683 of the total, while Democratic ballots accounted for 161.

CULLMAN COUNTY RESULTS

Republican Primary Runoff
Lieutenant Governor
- Wes Allen — 2,961 votes, 39.05%
- **John Wahl — 4,621 votes, 60.95%**

United States Senator
- **Jared Hudson — 4,359 votes, 57.08%**
- Barry Moore — 3,277 votes, 42.92%

Attorney General
- Jay Mitchell — 3,318 votes, 43.94%
- **Katherine Robertson — 4,233 votes, 56.06%**

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
- **Corey Hill — 4,300 votes, 58.07%**
- Christina Woerner McInnis — 3,105 votes, 41.93%

Public Service Commission, Place No. 2
- **Chris Beeker — 4,191 votes, 56.80%**
- Jim "Zig" Zeigler — 3,187 votes, 43.20%

Democratic Primary Runoff
United States Senator
- **Dakarai Larriett — 94 votes, 58.39%**
- Everett Wess — 67 votes, 41.61%

Cullman County has 66,835 registered voters. With 7,844 ballots cast, voter turnout for the runoff was approximately 11.74%.

STATEWIDE RESULTS

Republican Primary Runoff
Lieutenant Governor
- Wes Allen — 132,625 votes, 43.01%
- **John Wahl — 175,724 votes, 56.99%**

United States Senator
- Jared Hudson — 137,340 votes, 44.20%
- **Barry Moore — 173,418 votes, 55.80%**

Attorney General
- Jay Mitchell — 137,412 votes, 44.93%
- **Katherine Robertson — 168,424 votes, 55.07%**

Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
- **Corey Hill — 158,033 votes, 53.30%**
- Christina Woerner McInnis — 138,468 votes, 46.70%

Public Service Commission, Place No. 2
- Chris Beeker — 144,640 votes, 48.66%
- **Jim "Zig" Zeigler — 152,633 votes, 51.34%**

Democratic Primary Runoff
United States Senator
- Dakarai Larriett — 41,779 votes, 45.41%
- **Everett Wess — 502,229 votes, 54.59%**

Alabama has 3,812,426 registered voters. With 408,740 ballots cast, voter turnout for the runoff was approximately 10.72%.

The 2026 General Election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 3.

LEGALS

Request for Qualifications

The City of Cullman is now requesting qualifications from engineering firms to provide all engineering application development services as well as design, surveying, and inspection services should a federally funded project be funded. This request will be effective through FY 2029. Factors to be considered in the selection of firm or firms will include overall qualifications of the firm (35 points), prior experience of the firm in developing & implementing federally funded projects (35 points), and qualifications of specific personnel to be assigned to the project (30 points). Qualifications should be submitted to: City of Cullman, Attn.: Woody Jacobs - Mayor, 204 2nd Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055 to be considered. Qualifications must be delivered to the City of Cullman by 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this request for qualifications, please contact Pam Leslie, City Clerk at (256) 775-7106.

Woody Jacobs
Mayor
June 17, 2026

Request for Proposals

The City of Cullman is now requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional grant application development & grant management services which will be effective through Program Year 2029. Services required shall include all grant application development services as well as the overall administration of any federally funded grant projects upon grant award in accordance with all applicable regulations and procedures. Factors to be considered in the selection of qualified firms include experience of the firm in developing, writing & administering federally funded grant projects (30 points), appropriateness of the firm's proposed scope of services (30 points), the availability and qualifications of key personnel assigned to the application development and grant administration (30 points), and cost of administrative services to be provided (10 points). Proposals should be submitted to: City of Cullman, Attn.: Woody Jacobs - Mayor, 204 2nd Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055 to be considered. Proposals must be delivered to the City of Cullman by 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, June 30, 2026. If you have any questions or need additional information concerning this request for proposals, please contact Pam Leslie, City Clerk at (256) 775-7106.

Woody Jacobs
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June 17, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on July 20, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-39 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 39

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AMENDING CHAPTER 62, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN BY ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 62-38 REGARDING FENCES AND WALLS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

The City Council finds that clear, enforceable standards for the construction, maintenance, and appearance of fences and walls are necessary to protect public safety, preserve property values, ensure aesthetic consistency, and promote the general welfare of the citizens of Cullman. This amendment updates and clarifies the regulations governing fences and walls.

Section 2. Amendment.

Section 62-38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 62-38. Fences and walls.

"Fence" means any structure, barrier, or partition that encloses, divides, or borders property.

"Wall" means any structure or barrier that creates an enclosure, division, or border of property.

A building permit shall be obtained prior to the erection, placement, or repair of any fence or wall.

Fences and walls shall be constructed in a uniform and consistent style and shall be composed of materials manufactured, designed, and intended for such purposes.

Fences and walls shall not include scrap materials, pallets, doors, or other such salvaged materials, which create a potential fire hazard and safety risk.

Fences and walls containing natural materials, such as rock or stone, shall be in a uniform and consistent style, free of loose or missing materials, and properly maintained to not create a potential safety risk.

Fences and walls must be properly maintained. All wooden portions of fences and walls shall be a decay resistant wood (not salvaged materials which create a potential fire hazard and safety risk) and be covered with paint, stain, or other substance, which preserves the wood from deterioration, dilapidation, or decay.

It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any barbed wire, concertina or razor wire, or electric fences or walls on a residentially zoned property.

Fences and Walls are not permitted to be erected, placed, maintained or grown in any manner that impedes the natural flow of stormwater or obstructs a motorist's line of sight (see section 62-32(d)).

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause, or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 4. Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law. Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk.

Notice of Completion

Newell, Park, & Eleazer Construction, LLC hereby gives notice that all work has been completed in accordance with their contract for the City of Cullman – ARC Aviation Training Airport Hangar Project (AL-21878-2024). Anyone or company that has provided labor or materials on the said project that has not been paid in full or anyone that has a construction/property restoration claim should contact the following. Wesley Moore, City of Cullman, City Clerk at 256-775-7110 or at Cullman City Hall, 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 30555 within the next thirty days.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JUDITH ANN BATEMON, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
DECEASED. * CASE NO: PC 2026-018

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within time required by law or same will be barred.

MARY HURST
Co-Personal Representative

DEBRA WARREN
Co-Personal Representative

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35056
(256) 734-6330

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
SCHLENIA ANN CURVIN, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026-243

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF SCHLENIA ANN CURVIN, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Hollie B. Griffin on the 15th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Hollie B. Griffin, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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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

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

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 PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JERALD T. ALLEN, Case No.: PC2026-245
DECEASED.

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Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Patrick J. Allen on the 15th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Patrick J. Allen, Personal Representative
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

To the publisher of the *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*:

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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, 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
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-023

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
RYAN SCOTT BEIN, DOB: 06/15/1990
TO ADOPT S.D.B., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF S.D.B.,

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt S.D.B., a minor child (born on November 13, 2017, to Vanessa Marie Bein) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Ryan Scott Bein, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF June, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF S.G.T., a minor child (DOB09/22/2014)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

Notice to: TO ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN TO SARAH CELENE TRENT JOHNSON KNOWN AS S.G.T. (DOB 09/22/2014)

Please take notice that a Petition for Name Change of a Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Sarah Celene Trent Johnson, Petitioner. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 17th day of June, 2026.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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All General Contractors bidding on this project shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions and shall be arranged by the contractor with the Board of Education.

All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance. The project shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to **Cullman County Schools** in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's sealed proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the Lathan McKee website at www.lathanmckee.com and under "Project Bid List" selecting "Montgomery". The documents may be viewed on-line and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Notices of Addenda being posted will be provided to entities that have *CONFIRMED* bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first & last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned in reusable condition within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. **NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

Completion Time: See scope of work in Project Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work.

Owner: Dr. Shane Barnett, Superintendent, Cullman County Schools, 402 Arnold Street, NE, Cullman, AL 35055, Phone: 256-734-2933

Architect: Lathan McKee Architects, 3500 Eastern Blvd., Suite 300, Montgomery, Alabama 36116, Phone: 334-834-9933

Sartin (from Front)

management offices across Alabama.

The agency called the honor a reflection of Sartin's leadership, dedication and commitment to emergency management both in Cullman County and across the state.

"This is a tremendous honor and a reflection of the leadership, dedication and commitment Tim has shown to emergency management, not only here in Cullman County but across the state of Alabama," Cullman County EMA said in its announcement.

Over the next year, Sartin will work alongside emergency managers, state partners and public safety officials throughout Alabama to continue improving preparedness, response and recovery efforts for communities statewide.

For Cullman County, the honor is also a reminder of the growing role local emergency management plays in daily public safety.

While many residents may associate EMA primarily with severe weather alerts, Sartin and the Cullman County EMA team have long emphasized that the agency's work extends far beyond the forecast.

EMA is involved in planning, coordination, communication, public safety support and incident response across a wide range of situations.

From hazardous material incidents and missing persons cases to major weather events and large-scale emergencies, EMA often serves as one of the central support agencies helping connect first responders, local governments and the public.

"If it's something large that happens, some way, shape or form, it touches our office," Sartin previously told The Tribune.

Sartin stepped into the director's role at the start of 2022 following the retirement of longtime EMA Director Phyllis Little. At the time, he brought 23 years of service with Cullman EMS, along with experience in volunteer fire service and reserve police work.

He had also served as a liaison to EMA during the 2011 tornadoes and continued in that role during multiple ice storms that affected Cullman County.

When he became director, Sartin described himself simply as "a hometown boy, born and raised here in Cullman County."

"I spent my whole career in public safety, and I'm going to continue to do what I've always done," Sartin told The Tribune at the time.

That local-first approach has remained a visible part of Sartin's leadership.

In 2023, Sartin helped launch the Cullman County Crisis Communications Team, bringing together news organizations, first responders, schools, city leaders and community partners with large social media followings.

The goal was to help spread accurate information quickly during emergencies and reduce the risk of misinformation during moments when the public needs clear guidance.

"We want to bridge the gaps and help to reach more people with helpful and useful information," Sartin told The Tribune during that effort.

Cullman County EMA also moved forward with a major notification system upgrade in 2024, rolling out Everbridge Mass Notification after issues with the previous alert system during the January 2024 ice storms.

Sartin said the new system allowed EMA to send targeted alerts using mapping tools, giving officials the ability to notify residents in specific affected areas.

He has also consistently encouraged residents to use more than one method for receiving emergency information, including weather radios, cellphone alerts, EMA notifications and trusted local sources.

"Always have two methods of getting your information," Sartin previously told The Tribune. "If we can't reach you, we can't notify you."

As AAEM president, Sartin's role will expand that same focus to a statewide platform.

The association represents emergency managers throughout Alabama and works to strengthen preparedness, response, recovery, training and coordination among local, state and public safety partners.

Cullman County EMA said having one of its own serve in the statewide role is a meaningful accomplishment for the county and a testament to the emergency management team's work.

"Having one of our own serve in this leadership role is a great accomplishment for Cullman County and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our emergency management team," the agency said.

"We are excited to see the positive impact Tim will make in this role and know he will continue representing Cullman County with the same passion and commitment he brings to our community every day."

For Sartin, the honor marks another chapter in a public safety career rooted in the same community he now represents across the state.

For Cullman County, it means one of its own will have a voice in shaping emergency management conversations, training and coordination throughout Alabama.

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Coco (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Coco is a chocolate tortie about 3 months old. Her rare, striking coat makes her as distinctive as her personality. She's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

Playful, curious and full of kitten charm, Coco has the independent streak torties are known for.

She brings a delightful blend of sass and sweetness wherever she goes.

Coco's lively spirit can brighten any day.

She loves to play and explore, but her affectionate nature also makes her a great candidate for a companion or therapy cat.

Anyone seeking a young cat with a unique appearance, a vibrant personality and plenty of love to share may find the perfect match in Coco.

Coco's adoption fee is $100 and includes spay, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam.

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 Coco has already found her forever home, be sure to meet her friends. Many wonderful pets are still waiting for families of their own.

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Cullman (from Front)

comed Cullman High student Grayson Gay and the school's guidance counselor, Shannon Dutton.

"Mr. Gay was recently recognized as an Alabama Public Television Young Hero. An honor awarded to only three students statewide for academic excellence, community involvement and perseverance," she said.

She went on to acknowledge that despite being diagnosed with stage three Hodgkin's lymphoma, Gay has carried himself with courage, strength and his faith. He has continued to inspire others through his journey.

The Cullman City council formally congratulated the teen for the positive example he continues to provide for students and Cullman residents.

The council adjourned their first monthly meeting and will reconvene on Monday, June 29, at the city hall auditorium at 7 p.m. following a work session at 6. The public is welcome to attend.

Man (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Blount County man has been charged with four counts of aggravated cruelty to animals in Cullman County. Travis Wade Black, 62, allegedly poisoned four cats.

Cullman County Animal Control Director Rodney Banister said Black poisoned four cats while he was on the property near Hanceville where the cats lived.

Aggravated cruelty to animals is a Class C felony.

Banister said a special thanks is owed to Officer Cooper Harris for his work in the case and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and the Cullman County District Attorney's office for their cooperation and effort.

"I appreciate the dedication of our animal control officers," Crocker said. "The Cullman County Commission did the community a great service by investing in their training, enabling the officers to make these type of cases for prosecution."

Black is being held on a property bond at the Cullman County Detention Center.



Obituary Announcements: June 16-17

Susa Diane Wisner Malin, 75
Mrs. Malin passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at her home. She was born on Jan. 3, 1951, in Oneonta, Alabama, to George and Mamie Wisner. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 54 years, Lester Malin Sr.; son, Lester Malin Jr. and seven brothers. Diane is lovingly remembered by her two sons, Larry (Sharon) Malin and Jason (Alanna) Malin; five grandchildren, Ashley (Stephen) Knott, Skyler (Sam) Smith, Seth (Diana) Malin, Joshua Malin and Niles Heinlein. She had seven great-grandchildren along with three sisters, Kaye (Danny) Robertson, Tina (Phil) Ingram and Sharon Allred, and many more loving family members. Diane was a loving wife, mother, granny, sister and aunt who touched many lives with her kindness and love. She will be remembered for her devotion to her family and the legacy of love she leaves behind. Diane was deeply loved and will forever remain in our hearts. Funeral Service for Susa Diane Malin, age 75 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Frankie Stewart and Garry Bowers officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Joshua Lee Goodin, 40
Joshua Lee Goodin, age 40, of Alabama, entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior on June 15, 2026, after a brief illness. He passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of family and friends. Josh was born on Jan. 5, 1986. He graduated from Hanceville High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army and the National Guard. A devoted father, loving son, brother, grandson, uncle, and friend, Josh's greatest blessing in life was his three boys. He loved them beyond measure and treasured every opportunity to be a part of their lives. Josh was known for his love of baseball, both as a fan and a coach. He found great joy in mentoring young athletes and encouraging them both on and off the field. He was also a passionate Auburn fan who could always be counted on to cheer for the Tigers. Whether spending time with family, enjoying sports, or helping others, Josh lived with a generous heart and a genuine love for people. Most importantly, Josh had professed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. While his family grieves his passing, they find peace and comfort in the assurance that he is now healed, whole, and rejoicing in the presence of his Savior. Josh leaves behind to cherish his memory his three beloved sons, Dixon Lee Goodin, James Harris Goodin, and Luke Phillip Goodin; his father, Randy Goodin (Pat Ivy); his mother, Lisa Roberts; his sister, Ashlyn Miller (Adam Kelly); his nephew, Jayden Miller; his grandmother, Louise Evans; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were touched by his kindness and love. Though his time on earth was far too short, the legacy of his love, faith, and devotion to his family will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 10 a.m. at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date in Chelsea, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family invites those who wish to honor his memory to make a contribution to a memorial fund established for his three beloved sons. Your generosity will help provide for the boys' future and remind them that they are surrounded by a community that cares deeply for them. Every gift, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated. Please visit https://gofund.me/cd4081682 or contact the family for donation information through Wells Fargo. The family is deeply grateful for the prayers, love, and support shown during this difficult time and asks for continued prayers in the days ahead.

Alton Nail, 86
Alton Nail, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Saturday morning, June 13, 2026, at the age of 86. Mr. Nail was born to the late J.P. and Lizzie Ruth Tidwell Nail in Cullman County, Alabama, on July 12, 1939. Alton worked for the Civil Service as a sheet metal mechanic for many years. He could fix anything put before him and he enjoyed using his skills to restore old tractors and cars. Mr. Nail was a reserved man who found joy in traveling and being on the lake in his boat. While he sometimes seemed like he was grouchy, his love for his family was never questioned. Alton cherished his family and any time spent with them made him happy. Those proceeding Mr. Nail in death includes his parents; grandson, Aaron Nail; brothers, Bill Nail, Howard Nail; and sister, Rosella Hill. Those left to cherish Alton's memory includes his children, Rex Nail (Sandra Hollingsworth), and Cynthia "Cindy" Gibbs; grandchildren, April Drake (Chris), Angie Milam (Joshua), Allen Nail, Adam Gibbs, Matt Gibbs, Jacob Gibbs (Whitney); a host of great-grandchildren; sister, Pauline McGriff; and dearest friend and mother of his children, Betty Nail. The Nail family will honor Alton's life in private family services with Shane Carter officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Gary Gibbs, Boston Gibbs, Matt Gibbs, Allen Nail, Barney Nail, James Arnold, and Jacob Gibbs will serve as pallbearers. The Nail family would like to extend their appreciation to the Enhabit Hospice staff for the exceptional care and compassion shown to their family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nail family.

David Richard Loyd, 61
David Richard Loyd, age 61, passed on June 13, 2026; born July 31, 1964, He is preceded in death by his parents, Cordie Lester Lee Loyd and Marie Hazel McCroy Loyd; his brothers, Allen Loyd and Steve Loyd; his nephew, Matthew Loyd; his niece, Amy Loyd; his grandparents, Gilbert and Carrie Loyd and Walter and Savannah McCroy; his sister-in-law, Sue Loyd; and his brother-in-law, Art Blaylock. He is survived by his sisters, Kay Yarbrough (Sidney), Carolyn Blaylock, and Judy York (Ross); his sister-in-law, Katie Loyd; his brothers, Lester Loyd (Mary), Carl Loyd (Libby), and Dennis Loyd (Janna); his nephews, Jimmy Loyd (Karen), Chris Yarbrough, John Yarbrough, Justin Loyd (Katelyn), Andrew York (Hannah), Austin York (Erica), Eric Blaylock and Nicholas Loyd; his nieces, Melinda Silverthorn (Daniel), Tina Weldon, Amanda Sparkman (Josh); and many beloved great-nieces and great-nephews, including Carlee Loyd, Luke Loyd, Lynnzee Loyd, Jace Blaylock, Kamdyn Yarbrough, Merritt Loyd, Ansley York, Laney Sparkman, Lillee Ann Sparkman, Lucy Sparkman, Jack York, Judd York, Zack Loyd, Summer Elkins (Donald), Jordan Chrystie and Kayrie Weldon. Great Great Nephew and Niece Nik Evans, and Kynlee Elkins. He found joy in the simple things in life. He loved listening to WDRM country music, especially songs by George Strait. He enjoyed collecting and wearing watches and hats, and he was fascinated by trains, airplanes, combines, bulldozers, cement trucks, garbage trucks, and watching the mailman make his daily rounds. Receiving mail always brought a smile to his face, and he eagerly looked forward to his JC Penney catalog arriving in the mailbox. Christmas was his favorite time of year. He loved Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the excitement and wonder of the holiday season. Birthdays were also very special to him and were celebrated in a big way every year. He never turned down a good meal and especially enjoyed Captain D's fish, KFC chicken, milkshakes, McDonald's, and Jack's. He also had a special affection for stuffed animals, particularly Easter bunnies like his beloved "Hop Hop." He will be remembered for the happiness he found in everyday moments, the love he shared with his family, and the joy he brought to all who knew him. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on June 22, 2026, from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., followed by the Celebration of Life Funeral Service at Moss-Service Funeral Home on June 22, 2026, at 2 p.m. A Graveside Committal Service will take place at Memorial Gardens, Cullman, AL 35055, US, on June 22, 2026. To leave condolences for the Loyd family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Gregory Dewayne Williams, 59
Gregory Dewayne Williams, age 59, passed away peacefully on June 11, 2026, with his beloved wife and his two daughters by his side. Greg was born at Eglin Air Force Base located near Ft. Walton Beach Florida on March 16, 1967. He grew up in Ft. Walton Beach and later moved to Huntsville, Alabama in his early twenties. He met Lisa at Gibson's BBQ in Huntsville at the end of May 1990 and they were married a month and a half later. They spent the next 35 years building memories of a lifetime together. Greg was a man with a generous heart and an abundance of love for those closest to him. He put his family's happiness before his own. He loved the outdoors, nature was his happy place. He could lose himself in the woods because he loved it so much. His love for animals reflected his compassionate heart and he never met an animal that didn't absolutely love him. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Lisa Williams; daughters, Ashley (Triston) Sanders and Savanna (Quez) Williams; granddaughter, Luci; a grandson on the way; father, Jeff (Wei) Williams; mother, Linda Foots. Greg was preceded in death by his sister, Debbie Farmer. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who loved him. May he always be remember as a wonderful man who cherished the priceless gift of his family, his love of nature and the loyalty of his animals. We love you and you will be forever loved and missed, until we see you again. Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2026, at noon at Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home Chapel with the family receiving friends after the service.

Darrell Ray Maddox, 77
Darrell Ray Maddox, age 77, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on June 16, 2026. Mr. Maddox was born on April 18, 1949, in Hartselle, Alabama, to Jay and Hettie Leora Jennings Maddox. He was raised in the Battleground community and later made his home in Cullman. A gifted educator and musician, Mr. Maddox taught Math and Biology for 25 years at Vinemont School, where he became a favorite teacher to many. He was known for his sharp mind and unforgettable dry sense of humor. Music was one of the great passions of his life. He wrote gospel music and tuned pianos for more than 50 years. He owned Maddox Music and Gifts for eight and a half years. A talented musician, he could play virtually any stringed instrument. He especially loved bluegrass music and was a devoted fan of Dolly Parton. Mr. Maddox was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Hettie Jennings Maddox; his brother, Joe Wayne Maddox; and his sister-in-law, Kathryn Walker Maddox. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Ann G. Maddox; his daughter, Jennifer (Steven) Hasting; his son, Jeffery (Jeni) Wilhite; his grandchildren, Hunter Cupp, Dawson Wilhite, Lily Hasting, and Cheston Wilhite; his nieces, Melanie Maddox and Shelly Maddox; his beloved cat, Tommy Ray; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and an extended family that includes nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. Mr. Maddox brought smiles to so many and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Funeral service will be at 3:06 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2026, at Corinth West Methodist Church located at 5130 County Road 1101, Vinemont, AL 35179. The family will receive friends at the church from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Nancy Elizabeth Baker, 71
Nancy Elizabeth Baker, a cherished mother, grandmother, and steadfast believer in faith, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2026, at CRMC. Born on May 6, 1955, in Alabama, Nancy's life was marked by her deep love for animals, particularly her beloved dog, Jack, and a profound loyalty to her family and extended circle of loved ones. Nancy was known for her unwavering devotion to her family. She treasured the time spent visiting with family and friends, nurturing relationships that were founded on mutual respect, kindness, and genuine care. Her strong belief in God and her faith provided her solace and strength throughout her life, guiding her actions and inspiring those around her. She is survived by her devoted son, Frankie Shane Smith, alongside his fiance, Sandra E. White. Nancy also leaves behind her beloved brothers, Tim Watwood, Wayne Watwood with his wife Emilia, and Allen Watwood (Charles Carson.)Her legacy continues through her grandchildren Levi Allred, Zachary Smith, and Kyle Denton, and is further carried on by her great-grandchildren: Aubrey Smith, Benson Smith, Gema Ramsey, Noah Brock, Leelee Brock, and MaKenna Brock, who brought immense joy to her life. Nancy's family tapestry is enriched by many nieces, nephews, other cherished relatives, and friends who held a special place in her heart. Nancy was preceded in death by her loving parents, Robert Junior Watwood and Patsy Ruth Dover Watwood, her daughter Stephanie Marie Smith, and her siblings Billy Watwood, Gary Watwood, Lynn Watwood, and Patricia Watwood. Their memories remain a vital part of her story and her enduring spirit. Nancy Elizabeth Baker lived a life full of love, faith, and loyalty. Her presence touched many, and her commitment to those she cared for was evident every day. She will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all whose lives she enriched. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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