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Fireworks safety: Know local rules before lighting up the Fourth

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Fireworks are a familiar part of Independence Day celebrations, but local and state officials are reminding residents to know the law, watch the weather and take basic fire precautions before lighting anything.

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System is urging residents to use extra caution around dry grass, pine straw, wooded areas, homes and other structures.

Andrea Robards, a forestry, wildlife and natural resources Extension agent at Auburn University, said Alabama's summer heat can dry ground fuels quickly, even after rain.

"It is pretty amazing how quickly our » PAGE 2



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Fireworks capped off the night's festivities at Heritage Park back in 2018.

Run for Good 5K & Fun Run raises funds for Good Samaritan Health Clinic



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"The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive," Hutson said. "One avid runner said it was one of the best courses and organized races she's been a part of, and that she would definitely run again. A favorite moment I had was seeing all the runners at the start of the 5K race when the horn blew and just being overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude to everyone who came out to run the race in support of the clinic. And, at that moment, truly understanding the amount of time and effort it takes to host a successful well-run event."

She continued, "I can't thank Reed and Dr. Flores enough for all the time they have devoted to this event over the last several weeks. They have been amazing to work with, and I hope this is just the beginning of a partnership between Flores Eyecare and Good Samaritan Health Clinic that will benefit our community for years to come."

Cullman High School Senior Reed Flores said his interest in a career in medicine and healthcare was a huge part of the planning process for the 5K, and they want to make this an annual event that continues to make an impact.

"I discussed this with my dad, so we started brainstorming an impactful and possible way to make this a reality," he said. "When we approached the Good Samaritan Health Clinic with the 5K fundraiser idea for them earlier this year, they were immediately supportive, so we started planning. Since my dad's office was the presenting sponsor, we got to work together a good bit, lifting a lot of the weight off my shoulders. Also, 100% of the money we raised goes toward the Good Samaritan Health Clinic."

Reed Flores said the overall response was amazing – from all who sponsored, donated and participated.

"It was incredible seeing the excitement building up to the event and the excitement on the day of," Flores said. "Everyone seemed to have a great time. We had so many participants mention that the course was great, the volunteers and police officers were great and the event ran very well.

"This was definitely a relief, because this being our first time doing anything like this, it was very stressful. Despite all the fun that came on race day, my favorite moment from that morning was easily the huge hug my mom had given me, as well as her telling me that she is proud of me."

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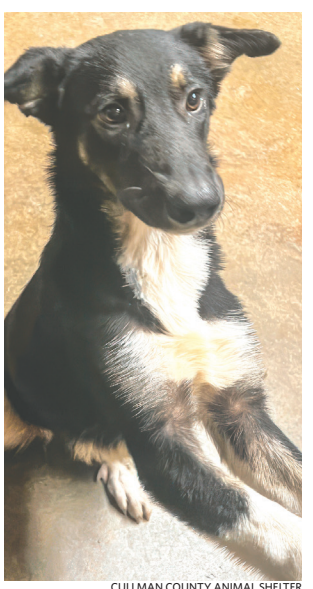
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 1

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 1, 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 25

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $119; Hwy. 157

June 29

• criminal trespass-2nd degree; person; Cleveland Ave. NW

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Kress St.

• identity theft; theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $3,000

• theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; sunglasses; $20; Hwy. 157

June 30

• assault-3rd degree; person; Mitchell Rd. NE

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; cash; $2,500

ARRESTS

June 29-30

McCormick, Jeffery S.; 37

• criminal trespass-2nd degree

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 55

• theft of property-4th degree

• criminal trespass-3rd degree

Thrasher, Brandy G.; 48

• possession of controlled substances

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Haney, Michael T.; 29

• possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Odeneal, Barbara C.; 58

• FTA – DUI

Cruce, Caleb E.; 23

• receiving stolen property-1st degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Hanceville America 250 Community Celebration set for July 25

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The City of Hanceville and Hanceville Parks and Recreation will host the Hanceville America 250 Community Celebration on Saturday, July 25, from noon-9 p.m., at C.W. Day Park. The free event will feature live music, food trucks, local vendors, a touch-a-truck experience, a children's activity zone, free admission to the Hanceville Pool and a fireworks show to end the night at 8:45, giving families a full day of fun in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

"We are incredibly excited to host the America 250 celebration, but what excites us most is that this is just the beginning," said Hanceville Parks and Recreation Director David Wasilewski. "Consider this event the foundation for a new chapter of community gatherings. We're laying the groundwork to bring bigger, better and more frequent events to our city for everyone to enjoy."

This year's celebration will also incorporate the annual Hanceville Grilled Cheese Festival, which was postponed in May. Many of the festival's vendors and sponsors will also be part of the America 250 celebration, bringing the two community events together into one day.

"We're excited to bring the community together for Hanceville's America 250 Celebration," said Hanceville Mayor Nolan Bradford. "This will be a great day for families, neighbors and visitors to celebrate our country, enjoy our park and make memories right here in Hanceville."

For more information and future event updates, visit the Hanceville America 250 Community Celebration page or contact David Wasilewski at dwasilewski@cityofhanceville.net for event details.

C.W. Day Park is located at 100 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville, AL, 35077.

Safety (from Front)

ground fuels can dry out in the absence of rain," Robards said. "Even after a period of heavy rain like we've been experiencing, the summer sun can dry out grass, leaves and other ground cover quickly."

ACES recommends choosing a large, open launch area with little or no vegetation. As a general safety rule, fireworks should be used about 300 feet from forests, woodlands, fields and grasslands, and at least 150 feet from homes and other buildings.

Robards also recommends clearing leaves, pine straw, grass clippings and other flammable materials from the launch area with a leaf blower, rake or broom. A non-combustible surface, such as concrete, is best.

Local laws vary across Cullman County.

In the city of Cullman, consumer-grade fireworks are prohibited inside city limits. Fireworks also cannot be sold, manufactured or stored in the city. Professional fireworks displays are handled separately and require proper approval.

Cullman's special event materials also state that events involving pyrotechnics must be submitted to the Cullman City Council 30 days before the event, and organizers must contact the fire marshal for city and state requirements.

Events involving amplified music, speaking or excessive noise must conclude by 10 p.m. unless otherwise approved. Noise complaints are investigated by the Cullman Police Department.

In Hanceville, fireworks may only be discharged during specific holiday windows unless a variance is granted. Under Hanceville Ordinance No. 581, fireworks may be discharged after 5 p.m. July 4 and from midnight until 1 a.m. July 5. The ordinance also allows fireworks after 5 p.m. Dec. 31 and from midnight until 1 a.m. Jan. 1.

Hanceville prohibits bottle rockets, rockets of all types and certain aerial fireworks. The ordinance also prohibits fireworks on sidewalks, streets, alleys, city parks, public property or inside buildings. Violations may carry a fine of up to $500 or imprisonment of up to 180 days, or both.

In Good Hope, private residents may use fireworks for personal use, but public pyrotechnic displays are regulated and require proper permitting. Public displays must be submitted to the Good Hope City Council at least 30 days before the planned event and require proof of a state fire marshal permit.

Residents in other Cullman County municipalities or in unincorporated areas should check with their town hall, fire department or the Cullman County Sheriff's Office before buying or discharging fireworks. Local ordinances may be stricter than state law.

State law also places limits on where fireworks may be used. The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office states fireworks may not be ignited within 600 feet of any church, hospital, public school or enclosed building, within 200 feet of where fireworks are stored or sold, from or into a motor vehicle or toward another person or group of people. Illegal devices such as M-80s and cherry bombs are prohibited.

Weather should also be part of the decision. ACES said high wind, low humidity, drought and high temperatures can increase fire danger. Robards said fire danger increases when relative humidity falls below 30%, especially when wind is also present.

"Many wildfires occur under drought conditions because fuels ignite more readily and burn more intensely," Robards said.

The National Weather Service issues fire weather watches and red flag warnings when conditions are favorable for rapid fire growth. If those alerts are in effect, fireworks should be avoided.

If a fire starts, call 911 immediately, even if it appears small. Robards said callers should provide an exact location and remove anything that could slow emergency access, such as locked gates or barriers.

"Wildfires in pine straw, grasses and brush can spread quickly and may reignite after appearing extinguished," Robards said. "Early notification gives firefighters the best chance to contain the fire before it threatens people, property or natural resources."

After fireworks are used, allow them to cool, soak them in water and place them in a noncombustible container, such as a metal trash can. Residents should also check the area for smoldering debris.

"Proper disposal and post-event inspection can help prevent accidental fires," Robards said.

Fireworks debris can also harm wildlife, soil and waterways. Cleaning up paper, plastic and metal waste quickly helps protect nearby yards, fields, creeks and natural areas.

Safety reminders:

• Never let young children handle fireworks or sparklers.

• Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

• Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.

• Keep a hose, bucket of water or fire extinguisher nearby.

• Never relight or pick up a malfunctioning firework.

• Keep pets indoors and secure before fireworks begin.

• Anyone who sees a fire, injury, unsafe fireworks activity or emergency should call 911.

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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
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• Church Services: Spirit Life Church
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, July 3 – 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, July 5 – 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. Prayer service at 2 p.m.

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.
• 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! Drinks and snacks will be provided. For more information contact the Guy Hunt Library at 256-796-5226, or guyhuntlibrary@gmail.com.

Dripping Springs DAR Celebrates America 250 – Dedication of DAR Revolutionary War Monument
Friday, July 3, at 10 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman. Questions? Contact Dr. Nancy C. Horton at 256-309-1936.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival
Sunday, July 5, at 5 p.m. Singing with Refined as our guest. Services will run day and night, Monday, July 6, through Friday, July 10. Morning services at 10:30 and evening services at 7 with preachers from our church preaching. Lunch will be served each day after the morning service and we will have a prayer room at 6:45 before each evening service. All are invited. If you can't come, please pray for us. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

America 250 Genealogy Workshop
Thursday, July 9, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at the Traditions Bank Annex, 109 Second Ave. NW. Open to the public. Bring your laptop if you wish. Sponsored by Dripping Springs Chapter DAR.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW Cullman. Quilters of all experience levels are welcome.

Annual David Speegle Family Reunion
Sunday, July 12, 2026, at the Speegle Family Point (334 County Rd 321, Crane Hill, AL 35053) beginning around 10:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a covered dish for lunch at noon. Contact Judy Shannon (256-338-0676) or Terry Phillips (256-656-3327) if you need additional information. Come eat and enjoy the day with us at the beautiful Speegle Family Point.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman.

Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Stone Bridge Farms. Tickets on sale now! www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/service/little-pink-dress-event

Minnie (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Minnie, a German Shepherd who is approximately 4 months old. This medium-energy girl with a cheery spirit and a shy, tender heart is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

This precious pup loves the pool, especially when she is chasing her ball. She also enjoys a good romp in the large yard, but she never gets too far ahead. Minnie likes to look back often, making sure her person is still close by.

In her kennel, Minnie is ever so quiet. She is gentle, observant and waiting for the right person to help her confidence shine. Minnie is a true diamond in the rough. With encouragement, patience and love, she has everything she needs to grow into a loyal and devoted companion.

The shelter said there was never a more perfect choice for a therapy or companion dog.

Minnie's adoption fee is $130, which includes a general exam at the vet, vaccines, dewormer, rabies vaccine and spaty.

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 Minnie has already been adopted, be sure to check out her friends at the shelter. One of them may be waiting just for you.

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‘It really felt like we were a family’: Bentley Childers reflects on on her career at Hanceville

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Former Hanceville multi-sport athlete Bentley Childers walked the stage and received her diploma back in May, and in an interview with the Tribune, she shared some of her favorite memories from her Bulldog career.

“For volleyball, my favorite memory is coming back from my previous ACL injury better than before and still being able to earn my spot on front row, as well as playing all the way around. For basketball, my favorite memory is the girls getting to practice before our coaches and putting on the early 2000’s uniforms, and watching their reactions to us wearing them to warm up as they walked in. Even though I didn’t get to participate in track this year, my favorite memory is going to the county meet for the first time and placing in two of the three events and just having a great connection with the whole team. Lastly, my favorite memory from softball is not only coming back this year and having the best season of my life, performance-wise, but also proving everyone who doubted Hanceville High School softball wrong by going to state and making school history while doing it.” Childers said.

Bentley played a huge role in Hanceville’s amazing run to state in softball this year, and achieving so much alongside some great teammates and incredible coaches was something that she, the team, the coaches, and the Bulldog community will never forget.

“For softball, the team really just felt like a family, and our new head coach, coach Kim Lewis, really made it a part of our cluture that we are family. We all got close with each other, so our bond really pushed us to where we are.

”We pushed each other to be the best we can be, and it really showed this season. Our coaches love and care for us, and you can really tell by how much time and effort they all put into us, just pouring into us day in and day out. We centered our season around not praising us as players or coaches personally, but just giving it to God and thanking God for what we accomplished. We wouldn’t have made it here if it wasn’t for Him. All of our coaches are great examples of people who fall in faith and with God. Personally, I have created a bond with coach Lewis. When she came in, I told her that last year, I got sat by my coaches at the time due to them not wanting to trust my strength and speed after my previous ACL injury. I felt doubted at the time, but she really believed in me and my abilities. She pushed me to be the best teammate and player that I could be for my girls. Not only that, she helped me off the field too with advice. Anything I needed help with, she was always there. She helped push me to be the best version of myself, and she really made a huge impact on my life.” Childers said.

Bentley added, “Even with me being so down on myself, not knowing if I was really ready for this season or being capable of being the best due to being doubted by others, she couldn’t have come in at a better time. She is one of the best things that has happened to me, and I feel like God gave me and my team her for a reason.”

She was around some great teammates in her other sports as well, and she took away so much from everyone during her sports career.

“With all of the sports this season, it really felt like we were a family, and we had great chemistry,” Childers said. “I learned that no matter what’s going on outside of the sport, when we’re together practicing or playing, we leave it outside and get the job done. We do that by giving it our all and 100% all the time. The coaches have really taught me important lessons for the sport, but also in life, and they really want to see you succeed.”

Bentley took part in some of her favorite games and will deeply miss playing at Hanceville.

“For volleyball, probably the Cullman Christian games, because we worked together the most. For basketball, most likely the Dora game, because I got to cheer on my teammate and best friend, Alex Twitty, as she played one of what was many great games for her that season. There were so many favorite games in softball, but my favorite one was the last game that we played in at Regionals.

”Even though it was bittersweet for me due to me getting injured in that same game, it was my favorite, because I felt like I was making school history as I was playing, and I felt as though it made me play better,” she said. “I’d been at Hanceville since I was in kindergarten and played varsity sports since I was in seventh grade, so with that comes a lot of hard work, dedication, blood, sweat, and tears, but what it also comes with are the friendships, relationships, and bonds you create along the way. I’ll remember the fun, late night volleyball practices, the tough summer workouts and the following practices after that. I’ll remember all of the seventeens we ran in basketball (laughs). I’ll remember all of the rainy, but fun track meets we ran in. Last but not least, I’ll always remember making school history and going to state in softball. All in all, I’ll miss my teammates. They’ve all helped me along the way. They helped me grow to become a stronger and better athlete, and every one of my coaches have all taught me at least one valuable lesson for the sport and even life. I’ll miss playing sports at Hanceville and the culture I helped create.”

She shared a couple of her favorite high school memories and what made Hanceville a special place to go to school. She kept her advice short and sweet when it came to giving advice to those people who are fixing to start high school in August.

“My favorite high school memories have got to be the pep rallies and the football games,” she said. “What made Hanceville a special place to go to school is just the environment and going to school with the same people I started with, even though some moved along the way, and the pride the school had. My advice to them is to keep your circle of friends small.”

Bentley gives all of the credit and glory to God for everything that she has done so far, not only in sports, but in school as well.

“Honestly, I give everything to God. He’s the reason that I’ve been able to do everything that I’ve done when it comes to being able to play sports. We have a team prayer before every game with every sport I’ve played, but also, I like to have mini-prayers with Him along the way of games. I also take deep breaths before hitting and going into the box just to reset and let Him help me get everything completely off my mind and to be ready for the next pitch. Academically, I personally pray before big exams and tests and at the end of studying for those exams and tests, just in case I did miss something, He helps me remember those things, and as a student-athlete, I’ve always said that it’s student first, then athlete, because my academics are what make me able to play.” she said.

She leans on a couple of her favorite Bible verses and favorite song to help her get through everyday life.

“My favorite Bible verses are John 3:16 and John 14:6. These verses are verses I have lived by my whole life and have been staples in my life since I was young. They remind me that there is no other way than God’s way, and He’s the reason my sins are paid for. My favorite song is ‘Five More Minutes’ by Scotty McCreery, because it reminds me to cherish what I have left.”



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Hanceville’s Bentley Childers

She has soaked up a lot of things during her walk with God so far.

“While walking with Him, you can’t let worldly things make you stray from Him. You’re going to have people that don’t believe in the same things you do, and if they don’t support your walk with God, then they aren’t your true friends, because friends will help you with your walk with God and support it. Keep your eyes on God, and don’t go astray.”

Around the world of sports: July 2, 2026

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• Superstar Kylian Mbappe scored two goals in France’s 3-0 World Cup win over Sweden in the Round of 32. At just 27, he trails only the legendary Lionel Messi for the all-time World Cup goal scorer title.

• NBA free agency opened on Tuesday evening, and 41-year-old LeBron James announced he would not re-sign with the Los Angeles Lakers, making him an unrestricted free agent.

• Serena Williams, after coming out of retirement at 44 years of age, lost to 20-year-old Australian Maya Joint in a singles match at Wimbledon.





Cullman Christian School Science Club raising funds for travel

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Christian School launched its Science Club at the end of this school year. The club is raising funds to go toward travel to zoos, museums, the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and more.

These field trips aren't a way to get out of school; they help students learn and appreciate science beyond the classroom.

The group wrote: "By visiting natural areas, research facilities, museums, universities, and local industries, students can see firsthand how scientific concepts are applied in the real world." These trips are aimed at sparking critical thinking skills and introducing career paths. "Our goal is to create opportunities that make learning engaging, relevant and memorable."

If you would like to donate to the Cullman Christian School Science Club, call 256-734-0734 for more information.

Find out more at Facebook/Cullman Christian Science Club.

Debate (from Front)

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Every time Alabama sees a case involving an educator, a school employee and a student, the same public argument erupts.

One person says the age of consent is 16. Another says it is 18. Someone else says it is 19.

Then someone asks whether it matters if the student attends a different school.

The confusion is understandable. Alabama law does not answer every situation with one number. It has several different age lines depending on the conduct, the relationship between the people involved and whether one person is in a position of educational authority, trust or access.

That is why the phrase "age of consent" is often too simple for the issue being discussed.

In Alabama, the general age-of-consent threshold is commonly described as 16 because Ala. Code § 13A-6-70 says a person is deemed incapable of consent if he or she is less than 16 years old or incapacitated. That is the source of the "16" people often cite.

But that does not mean every sexual situation involving someone 16 or older is automatically lawful. It also does not mean every adult has the same legal status. Alabama law treats certain relationships differently, including relationships involving school employees and students.

That distinction matters.

For ordinary criminal-law purposes, Alabama has statutes addressing specific age ranges. Ala. Code § 13A-6-61, rape in the first degree, includes sexual intercourse by a person 16 or older with a person who is less than 12 years old. Ala. Code § 13A-6-63, sodomy in the first degree, includes sodomy by a person 16 or older with a person who is less than 12 years old.

For ages 12 through 15, Alabama has separate provisions. Ala. Code § 13A-6-62, rape in the second degree, applies when a person 16 or older engages in sexual intercourse with another person who is 12 or older but less than 16, if the actor is at least two years older. Ala. Code § 13A-6-64, sodomy in the second degree, uses the same 12-to-under-16 age range and two-year age-gap language for sodomy.

For sexual contact, Ala. Code § 13A-6-67, sexual abuse in the second degree, includes a person 19 or older subjecting another person to sexual contact when that person is less than 16 but more than 12. Ala. Code § 13A-6-69.1 addresses sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old by a person 16 or older.

Those are not the only laws that may matter in a given case. Force, incapacity, coercion, obscene material, electronic communications, child sexual abuse material, position of authority and other facts can change the legal analysis.

But those statutes show why a comment-section answer is often incomplete. Alabama law is not just one number.

The issue becomes even more specific when the adult is a school employee.

Alabama has a separate article of law titled "Sexual Offenses by School Employees Involving a Student." It begins at Ala. Code § 13A-6-80.

Ala. Code § 13A-6-80 defines a school employee broadly. It includes a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, safety or resource officer, coach, adult volunteer in a position of authority or other school employee who has contact with a student in his or her official capacity as a school employee.

That same section defines a student, for purposes of the school-employee article, as a person under 19 who is enrolled or attending classes in a licensed or accredited public, private or church school that offers instruction in grades K-12, regardless of whether school is in session.

That is why a 16-, 17- or 18-year-old student is not analyzed the same way in a school-employee case as in an ordinary age-of-consent discussion.

Under Ala. Code § 13A-6-81, a school employee commits a Class B felony if the employee engages in sexual intercourse or sodomy with a student under 19 or with a protected person under 22, as defined in Ala. Code § 15-25-1.

Under Ala. Code § 13A-6-82, a school employee commits a Class C felony if the employee has sexual contact with a student under 19 or with a protected person under 22. The same section also addresses soliciting, persuading, encouraging, harassing or enticing a student to engage in a sex act, including sexual intercourse, sodomy or sexual contact.

Both Ala. Code § 13A-6-81 and Ala. Code § 13A-6-82 make the central point clear: consent is not a defense.

Alabama also has Ala. Code § 13A-6-82.1, which makes it unlawful for a school employee to distribute or transmit obscene matter to a student or to solicit a student to transmit obscene matter to any person. A violation of that section is a Class A misdemeanor.

Those laws explain why many online arguments go wrong. A person may be correct that Alabama's general age-of-consent threshold is 16. But that statement does not answer the school-employee question. The school-employee statutes create a separate legal category for students under 19.

The reason is not hard to understand. Schools are not ordinary public settings. Educators and school employees have access, credibility and influence. Alabama appellate courts have recognized that the state has a legitimate interest in protecting the integrity of the teacher-student relationship.

In Pruitt v. State, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals considered a case involving a school employee and students who were 16 to 18 years old. The court noted the defendant pleaded guilty to two counts under Ala. Code § 13A-6-81 and two counts involving obscene material.

The court also addressed the argument that ordinary consent rules should control. It rejected that argument. Quoting authority from another state, the court recognized that teachers are in a "unique position to groom or coerce" students and emphasized the state's interest in protecting students from sexual exploitation.

In State v. Solomon, the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals again addressed Ala. Code § 13A-6-81. The court reversed a trial court ruling that had found the statute unconstitutional as applied. The appellate court pointed back to Pruitt and said the state had a "legitimate state interest" in prohibiting the conduct and protecting minor students from sexual advances by school employees.

So the clean public explanation is this: Alabama courts have not treated "the student was 16 or older" as a simple answer to the school-employee statute. They also have not treated age-of-consent arguments as automatically defeating the Legislature's decision to draw the school-employee line at students under 19.

The 19-year-old question is different.

Because Ala. Code § 13A-6-80 defines a student, for purposes of the school-employee article, as a person under 19, a regular 19-year-old high school student is generally outside that specific "student under 19" criminal provision. The law also covers a protected person under 22, so that category must be considered separately where applicable.

That means the criminal-law answer may change at 19. If the person is 19 and is not a protected person under the statute, Ala. Code § 13A-6-81 and Ala. Code § 13A-6-82 may not apply in the same way solely because of the teacher/student status.

But that does not mean a school employee is free, professionally or ethically, to pursue a current student.

Criminal law is the floor, not the ceiling.

The Alabama Educator Code of Ethics, found in state education rules and guidance, says an educator should always maintain a professional relationship with all students, both inside and outside the classroom. It lists as unethical conduct soliciting, encouraging or consummating an inappropriate written, verbal or physical relationship with a student.

That language is not built around a simple "16" or "19" Facebook answer. It is built around professional boundaries.

Cullman County Board of Education policy is also direct. The county policy says employees must maintain appropriate and professional relationships with students and must not engage in conduct, including communication of any kind, that constitutes, solicits or suggests sexual, romantic or inappropriately familiar interaction with a student.

The county policy defines "student" broadly. It includes a student with whom the employee has, has had or could prospectively have a professional, teaching, counseling, coaching, mentoring, advisory, supervisory or working relationship. It also includes a student who, because of age, mental or physical condition or other circumstances, is practically or legally incapable of consenting to the relationship in question.

That county policy does not turn solely on the ordinary age of consent. It turns on the employee-student relationship and the professional duty owed by the adult.

Cullman City Schools policy materials reviewed address the issue through sexual harassment, Title IX, reporting obligations and discipline. City policy says Title IX prohibits sex-based discrimination, including sexual harassment, whether against students or employees. It also includes sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking within its prohibited-conduct framework. The city policy says sanctions up to and including expulsion or termination may be imposed when a violation is found.

The Cullman City Schools employee handbook also contains a sexual harassment report form tied to board policy and states that sexual advances or other forms of personal harassment that create an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment will not be tolerated.

That matters because local school systems may discipline employees for conduct that violates board policy or professional standards even when the criminal-law question is more complicated.

City and county school systems do not get to rewrite Alabama criminal law. They do not get to change Ala. Code § 13A-6-70, Ala. Code § 13A-6-81 or Ala. Code § 13A-6-82. But they can and do set employment rules, professional standards, reporting duties and student-protection policies that are separate from the question of whether a prosecutor can prove a specific criminal offense.

So when the public asks whether an adult who is not in school can date a high school student, the honest answer is: it depends on the ages, conduct and relationship.

If the student is under 16, Alabama's ordinary age-of-consent laws are directly implicated.

If the student is 16, 17 or 18, the ordinary age-of-consent question is not the only question. If the other person is a school employee and the student is under 19, Ala. Code § 13A-6-81 and Ala. Code § 13A-6-82 may apply, and consent is not a defense.

If the student is 19, the specific school-employee criminal statutes for a "student under 19" may not apply unless the person is a protected person under 22 or another law applies. But educator ethics rules and local board policies may still make the relationship professionally prohibited, especially where the student is a current K-12 student and the employee has, had or could have school-related authority, influence or access.

That is the part social media often misses.

The question is not simply, "What is the age of consent?"

The better questions are: How old is the student? Is the other person a school employee? Is the student under 19? Is the person a protected person under 22? Was there sexual contact, sexual intercourse, sodomy, solicitation or obscene material? Did the employee have a professional relationship, prior relationship or possible future authority over the student? What do state ethics rules and local board policies say?

Those questions do not fit neatly into a comment box. But they matter.

Public discussion should be careful enough to recognize the difference between ordinary age-of-consent law, school-employee criminal law and professional educator ethics.

A 16-year-old number may answer one question.

It does not answer them all.



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 THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
TED WAGNON,) CASE NO.: PC2024-283
Deceased.)

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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: MIKE WAGNON and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of TED WAGNON, deceased.

The Petition for Final Settlement, Amended Petition for Final Settlement and Amended Petition for Final Settlement of Dawn Wagnon for the estate of Ted Wagnon, deceased, has be **re-set for the 29th day of September, 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 29th day of June, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO.: PC 2026-223

IN THE MATTER OF:
I.B.C.
A minor child, D.O.B.: 09/19/2017.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TO: TO ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF I.B.C., a minor child.

A PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF A MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY HAILEY A. SMALLS. 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. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 23rd DAY OF June, 2026.

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

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Petitioner
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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
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.

Shelbie G. Hankey
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SHAYLA RACHELLE BLAS,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900164.00**

OMAR BLAS HERNANDEZ,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Omar Blas Hernandez, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Shayla Rachelle Blas' Divorce Complaint by August 24th, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2026-900164.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 25th day of June, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JOSH M. O'NEAL
200 2ND AV SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

Legal Notice

PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE 32-13-1, LONG LEWIS, WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE VOLLOWING VEHICLES :

DATE: 8/6/2026
TIME : 12:00 P.M.
LOCATION : 5296 US HWY 278 W., CULLMAN, AL 35057

Year	Make	Model	VIN#
2019	FORD	F-150	1FTEW1C55KFA29043

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, First National Bank of Pulaski will offer for sale at public auction the following vehicles:

Date: 08/10/2026
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: 1465 Derenda Avenue SW, Ste E, Cullman, AL 35055

2003 HONDA ACCORD 1HGCM66593A080406
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2020 JEEP RENEGADE ZACNJBAB2LPL00519
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2002 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4BL11D12C232346
2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN 2C4RDGCG1CR212204

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ELEANOR ANN CHANDLER SMITH, * CASE NO.: PC2026-249
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Douglas E. Harris, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELEANOR ANN CHANDLER SMITH, deceased, on the 29th day of June, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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.

Douglas E. Harris
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 29th day of June, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHARLOTTE RUTH MEREDITH, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-253**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JEFFREY HARVE MEREDITH as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLOTTE RUTH MEREDITH, deceased, on the 23rd 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.

Jeffrey Harve Meredith
Ancillary Personal Representative

Seth B. Thompson
Attorney for Petitioner Jeffrey Harve Meredith
201 Second Avenue Southeast
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the above 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
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

INSOLVENT TAX NOTICE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN
Under and by virtue of the requirements of Title 40-5-23 of the Code of Alabama 1975 requiring Tax Collectors to publish twice during the month of July a list of unpaid taxes turned in as "insolvent" and allowed by the County Board of Commissioners as a credit of Final Settlement for the 2025 taxes:

INSOLVENTS

Name	Tax
A1 Tree Service & Landscaping	$722.75
ACL Truck & Trailer Repair	$34.82
All-in Towing & Recovery	$58.44
Anna Lynn's Boutique	$80.54
Bedzzz Express Warehouse	$335.06
Bitcoin Depot	$47.87
Crook Excavating	$432.31
Ellis Chiropractic Center	$43.03
G & E Poultry LLC	$158.55
Glowing Tan & Beauty Bar	$343.30
Infusion Wellness & Spa	$204.06
Ryano's Shaved Ice	$75.65
Shear Peace Salon & Barbershop	$80.62
Watwood Autos LLC	$52.68
West Point Excavation, Inc.	$867.97

Barry Willingham
Revenue Commissioner
Cullman County

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
JUDITH ANN BATEMON, *
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
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BILLY FAGAN TURNER, *
AKA BILLY F. TURNER, * **CASE NO PC 2024-416**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
REPORT OF INSOLVENCY
(Decedent)

TO: CINDY TURNER HUIE, WENDY TURNER BLACKWOOD, CAROLYN TURNER ANY KNOWN OR UNKOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Report of Insolvency*, was received on the 8th day of June, 2026, made court record the 10th day of June, 2026, by Wendy Turner Blackwood, Personal Representative, through Attorney, Katherine Lee Coleman. A hearing on said *Report of Insolvency* has been **set for the 4th day of August, 2026, at 10:00a.m.**, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 22nd day of June, 2026.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Katherine Lee Coleman
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Attorney for Personal Representative
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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. PC2026-246

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
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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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
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF PRIVATE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARY KATE MECHAW, * CASE NO. PC 2023-197
DECEASED. *

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties, including the nonresident heirs and next of kin of Mary Kate Mechaw, deceased, that Judy Gray, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Kate Mechaw, has filed an Application for Approval of Private Sale of Real Property in the above-styled cause.

The Application requests that the Court approve the private sale of the following described real property belonging to the estate:

10 acre parcel of land located on County Road 1209, Vinemont, Alabama, more particularly described as follows:

The Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Southwest quarter, Section 5, Township 9 South, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.
Source of Title: Deed Book 283 Page 951

The proposed private sale is to Crystal McGraw, a willing buyer, for the sum of $25,000.00. The Personal Representative represents that the offered price is fair and reasonable and reflects the fair market value of the property.

The Application will be heard by the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, at the Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, on the 24th day of September, 2026 at 11:00.

Any heir, next of kin, creditor, or other interested party may appear at said hearing and show cause, if any exists, why the Application should not be granted and why the proposed private sale should not be approved.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Alabama, including but not limited to §§ 43-2-444 through 43-2-446, and serves as notice by publication to all nonresident heirs and as required for the application to sell real property.

Done this 22nd day of June, 2026.

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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COLUMN

Pop! Boom! Ohhhhh!

Joe Hobby
Contributor

That, my friends, is the sound of a very distinctive holiday: the Fourth of July.

Sure, we've got more important ones. Like Thanksgiving, that glorious celebration of food, football and silently wondering, "How can I possibly be related to these people?" The thing most of us are truly thankful for is the sight of our relatives backing out of the driveway.

Then there's Christmas, which isn't so much a holiday as it is a two-month season of overspending, followed by 10 months of apologizing to your Visa card.

But the Fourth of July is different because we celebrate our country's independence with fireworks. Yes, New Year's Eve has fireworks, too, but the holiday most associated with them is July 4. There's even a song about it: "The rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air."

You know Independence Day is getting close when fireworks stands start popping up like Dollar General stores.

I've never understood fireworks vendors - it's the only business where mental instability is a marketing strategy. There's Crazy Bill's, Insane McCain's, Nutty Norman's and no telling how many more. I've never seen it anywhere else.

"Hey Bob, who did you say prepared your income taxes?"

"I took them down to Wacky Willie's."

"I hope you don't get audited."

I was about 12 years old when I was allowed to light real fireworks. Not those sissy sparklers, although those things get hot enough to be used for welding. I'm talking Black Cat firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles — the gateway drugs of pyrotechnics.

For beginners, Black Cat firecrackers were the gold standard. Most kids never lit just one or two. It was much more satisfying to ignite the entire pack at once. I usually taped them to some poor little green plastic army man. He served his country bravely, but not for very long.

As teenagers, we graduated to Cherry Bombs and M-80s. Not the watered-down versions they sell today.

The ones we bought were stronger than a hamper full of dirty gym socks. Every one of my high school buddies swore they contained one-sixteenth of a stick of dynamite.

I don't know if that was true, but here's what I do know: they could destroy an unpopular teacher's mailbox.

Of course, we kept quiet about this sort of activity because everyone claimed damaging a mailbox was a federal offense. Not that I ever heard of anybody actually going to prison for it, but can you imagine?

"Yo, what you in for? Armed robbery? Car theft? Did you off somebody?"

"Nope. Assaulting a mailbox with a deadly weapon. Blew it clean off the post with an M-80. Thought I got away with it but the doorbell camera got me."

Teenagers and fireworks can be a dangerous combination. One of my old high school friends learned that lesson the hard way.

Byron and three other buddies came to pick me up in his mom's Chevrolet Impala. When they arrived and I opened the car door, I was greeted by the unmistakable smell of burned gunpowder.

"What in the world did y'all do in here?" I asked.

"Barry can tell you," Byron replied.

From the back seat came Barry's voice, dripping with pain.

"I was lighting Cherry Bombs and tossing them out the window. But, the back windows don't roll all the way down. One bounced off the glass and landed right between my legs."

I gasped.

I've nearly stepped on a water moccasin. I've ridden a roller coaster perched on top of a 40-story building. I've performed stand-up comedy in front of 10,000 people.

Every one of those experiences was terrifying. But, none of them can compare to the terror of watching a lit Cherry Bomb land on Sly and the Family Stones.

Barry continued.

"I managed to flip it into the floorboard right before it went off."

Then he pulled up his pant leg.

It looked like half-cooked hamburger meat. Shades of gray and purple surrounded an open wound where fabric used to be. The pants leg itself had been transformed into a collection of burnt threads.

Still, I knew he was lucky. Had that Cherry Bomb exploded a few inches higher, Barry might still be singing soprano with the Vienna Boys Choir.

"We've got a plan," Byron announced. "We're gonna tell his mom and dad a dog attacked him."

Never mix immaturity with low-grade explosives.

As an adult, the whole concept of fireworks looks different than it did when you were a kid.

As a child, fireworks were magic. The sparks, the colors, the noise, the smell. When you lit that fuse, you felt like you were harnessing the power of Zeus himself.

As a grown up, fireworks mean putting up with the neighbor who spent a week's pay on a grocery sack full of incendiary devices, and intends to detonate every one of them until 2 o'clock in the morning.

Every time another explosion jolts you awake, you find yourself wondering whether this guy has to work tomorrow.

At the first bang, my dogs dive under the bed and shake like paint mixers. I have to use about half a bottle of CBD oil — and then I give some to the dogs.

The next morning, Facebook fills up with posts that read:

"Lost cat. Answers to the name Fluffy. Last seen during last night's mortar barrage."

So, now my role in fireworks has changed. I don't light them. I don't tape them to army men. I don't blow up mailboxes. I just sit on the porch, watch the sky light up and hope nobody gets hurt doing something stupid.

Because I know exactly what that looks like.

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: www.mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

CCAS (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Independence Day celebrations can be fun for families, but they can be frightening and dangerous for pets.

The Cullman County Animal Shelter (CCAS) is urging pet owners to prepare before fireworks begin, noting that animal shelters across the country often see an increase in lost pets during Independence Day celebrations.

"During Independence Day celebrations, animal shelters nationwide experience a surge in lost pets," the shelter shared. "To ensure your fur baby's well-being and minimize anxiety, consider implementing the following preventative measures."

For many pets, fireworks can trigger panic. Dogs and cats may tremble, hide, bark, meow, pace, refuse food, act destructively or attempt to escape. Even pets that normally stay close to home may run when startled by loud fireworks, crowds or unfamiliar activity.

The shelter encouraged owners whose pets take anxiety medication to check their supply before the holiday.

"For pets with anxiety that are currently under medication, it is essential to confirm that an adequate supply of medication is available, as most veterinary clinics will be closed," CCAS shared.

Pet owners should not give animals new medication or human medication unless directed by a veterinarian. Anyone with a pet that has severe anxiety should contact their veterinarian before the holiday to discuss safe options.

CCAS also reminded residents to make sure microchip information is current.

"Verify that your pet's microchip registration is current, including your address and phone number," it stated.

A microchip is only useful if the contact information attached to it is correct. Owners should also make sure pets are wearing collars with legible identification tags or clearly written contact information.

"Ensure pets wear collars with legibly written contact information to facilitate safe return in the event of escape," CCAS said.

Pet safety should begin before fireworks start. Owners can exercise dogs earlier in the day, then bring pets inside before evening celebrations begin. A quiet room, crate, blanket, familiar toys and background noise from a television, radio or fan may help reduce stress.

Pets should not be taken to fireworks shows. If a pet must go outside during the evening, it should be secured with a properly fitted leash, collar or harness. Owners should also check gates, doors and fences before guests arrive, since frightened animals may bolt through an open door.

Holiday food can also create problems for pets.

CCAS specifically warned owners to keep hazardous food items, including chicken bones, out of reach to prevent accidental ingestion.

Cooked bones can splinter and cause serious injury. Other common holiday risks include skewers, corn cobs, alcohol, chocolate, grapes, onions and food scraps left where pets can reach them.

Fireworks themselves can also be hazardous. Pets should be kept away from lit fireworks, unused fireworks and debris. After any fireworks are used at home, the area should be cleaned up before pets are allowed outside again.

Pet owners should watch for signs of fireworks stress, including:

- Trembling or shaking
- Hiding or seeking shelter
- Excessive barking or meowing
- Pacing or restlessness
- Loss of appetite
- Destructive behavior
- Attempts to escape or run away

To help keep pets safe, CCAS and animal safety groups recommend the following:

- Check anxiety medication supplies before the holiday if your pet already has a prescription
- Contact your veterinarian before giving any medication or calming product
- Update your pet's microchip registration
- Make sure collars and ID tags include current contact information
- Bring pets indoors before fireworks begin
- Create a quiet, comfortable safe space inside
- Use a television, radio, fan or soft music to help mask outside noise
- Exercise dogs earlier in the day before celebrations begin
- Secure pets with a properly fitted leash, collar or harness if they must go outside
- Keep chicken bones, table scraps and other hazardous foods away from pets
- Clean up fireworks debris before allowing pets back outside
- Do not bring pets to fireworks shows

If a pet goes missing, owners should act quickly. Check nearby hiding places, contact local animal control or the animal shelter, post a clear photo and contact information to local lost-and-found pet pages and notify the pet's microchip company.

A calm pet is a safer pet, and a little preparation before the fireworks begin can help prevent a frightening night from turning into a missing-pet emergency.



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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Tuesday July 7, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Conditional use request at 117 2nd Avenue NE for the relocation of The Link

2. Short form subdivision – County Road 1473 – divide one parcel into two parcels

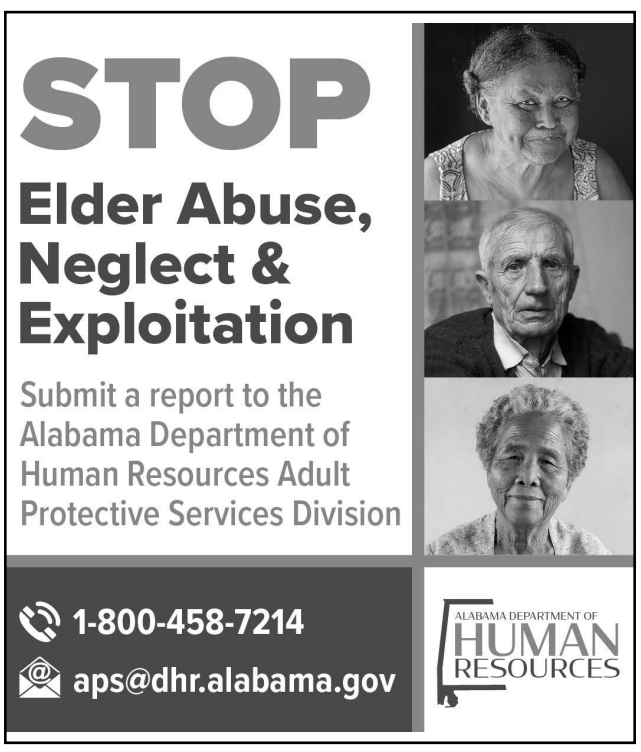
3. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 62 Section 38 – walls and fences

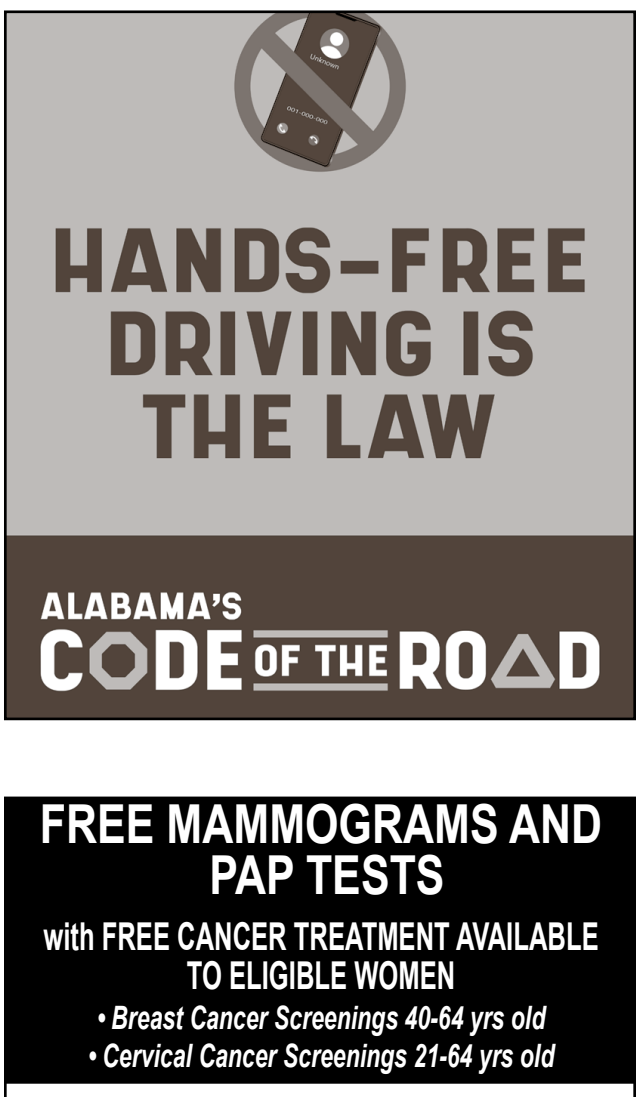
4. Short form subdivision – 20 County Road 499 – move property line

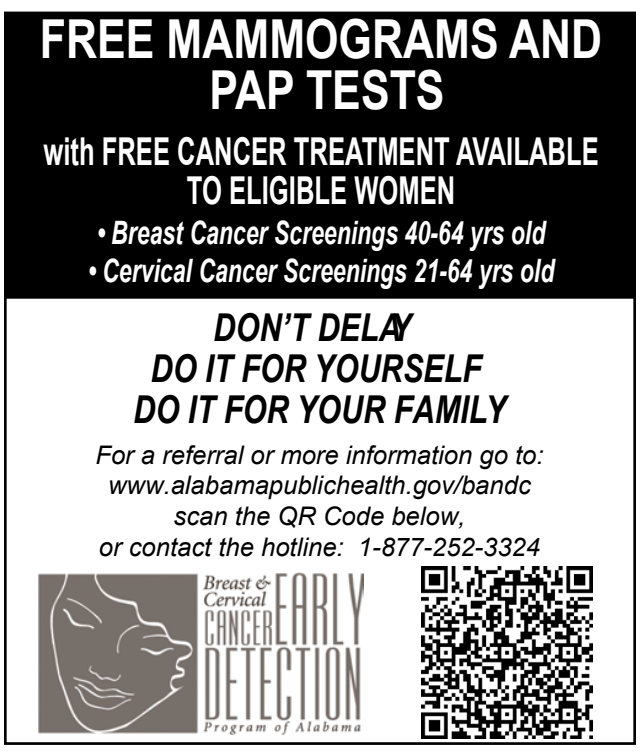
5. Preliminary subdivision – Brock Trace Subdivision – County Road 1464 & County Road 1466

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











Run (from Front)

community and said if all goes as planned, construction of the new clinic building will be complete mid-July with clinic moving operations in August.

"The funds raised will provide access to healthcare services for uninsured adults in our community – individuals who would otherwise go without the healthcare so many desperately need," Hutson said.

"The Good Samaritan operates as a primary care clinic providing the uninsured a full range of services including access to their own primary care provider, medications, lab draws, specialty referrals, mental health counseling, eye exams, dental extractions, hearing evaluations and social services to connect with additional resources in the community."

The clinic is open Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-noon. It is closed daily for lunch from noon-1 p.m.



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Good Samaritan is currently located at 401 Arnold St. NE, Suite A. The new location will be at 118 Veterans Dr. SW beside the VFW.

For questions about how to qualify, call 256-255-5963 or visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

If you'd like to donate or volunteer, contact Jolanda Hutson at atjhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com.

You can also follow the clinic on Facebook and Instagram at www.facebook.com/goodsamaritancullman and www.instagram.com/goodsamaritanclinic cullman.

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Obituary Announcements: June 30 – July 1

Jerry Dale Holmes, 65
Mr. Jerry Dale Holmes, age 65, of Arab, Alabama, passed away at his home in the early morning hours of Thursday, June 25, 2026. Born on Nov. 29, 1960, in Marshall County, Alabama, Jerry was the son of Gordon Holmes and Sue Holmes. Jerry spent much of his life in service to others. He served more than thirty-two years with the Arab Fire Department, retiring as Captain. His dedication, courage, and leadership earned the respect of his fellow firefighters and the community he proudly served. Jerry had a gift for making people feel welcome; he never met a stranger, and many who met him quickly became his friend. Following his retirement, Jerry enjoyed collecting antique fire department memorabilia, a hobby that reflected his longtime connection to the fire service. He also loved spending time in the Smoky Mountains, watching older television shows, and cheering for Auburn football. Jerry is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Adam and April Holmes; daughter, Leslie Holmes; brother, William Holmes and his wife, Tammy; sisters, Shelia Hancock and Pam Farmer and her husband, John; grandson, Cannon Green; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mona Lafell McClendon-Holmes, who passed away on July 22, 2017; and by his parents, Gordon and Sue Holmes. Services for Jerry were Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. Visitation with family and friends began at noon, with the funeral service following at 2 p.m. Brother Jeff Warren officiated. Interment will be in Union Hill FCM Church Cemetery. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel is honored to assist the family with arrangements.

Doug Farley, 76
Funeral service for Doug Farley, age 76 of Cullman, is Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with Bro. John Garrison officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lystra Cemetery in Baileyton. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Doug was born on April 10, 1950, to Ernest Irvin Farley and Velvie Talley Farley. He passed away on Monday, June 29, 2026, at Folsom Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Farley Faulkner, and her husband Ellis; a host of cousins, family and friends.

Gladys Mae Wisener, 80
Gladys Mae Crumbley Wisener entered heaven on Sunday evening, June 28, 2026, at the age of 80. Gladys was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on May 25, 1946, to the late Samuel Strone and Mildred Ruth Burrow Crumbley. Mrs. Wisener is preceded in death by her parents. Her memory will be cherished by her beloved husband, Norman Wisener; sons, Chris Wisener (Tarron), Jeff Wisener; granddaughter, Mattie Wisener; siblings, Jesse, Sammy, and Suzie; a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends and neighbors. As a pillar of her community, Mrs. Gladys served the people of her beloved Holly Pond for many years. She was the Holly Pond School Lunchroom Manager for more than twenty years where she fed and loved hundreds of children every day. Mrs. Gladys taught us that a plate of fries was not a balanced meal, nobody needs twenty-five packets of ketchup at a time, and that hiding an extra chicken sandwich under your fries was in fact stealing. Even though her position meant trying to keep us all in line, we all knew that none of the hundreds of children in her care would ever go hungry, lunch money or not. Gladys had a heart for people, and part of her love language was making sure the school's children were fed - and that they knew how to mop up their own spilled milk. After her retirement from the lunchroom, Mrs. Gladys began her political career where she served as a Holly Pond Town Councilwoman for many years. Gladys helped to better our community through her council seat as well as her service to others through both the Homemaker Club and the Civitan Club. Mrs. Wisener spent countless hours at bake sales and fundraisers alongside the Homemakers of Holly Pond helping raise money for the upkeep of Holly Pond Cemetery. And she sold and delivered truckloads of onions and fruitcakes to raise money for community projects done on behalf of Civitan International. Mrs. Gladys was also a member of Holly Pond First Baptist Church. Her legacy of devotion and service will be remembered by many for generations to come. While Gladys gave of herself with abandon to her friends and neighbors in the Holly Pond area, she was also serving her family at home as a devoted and loving wife and mother. Gladys and Norman were married sixty-two years and raised two sons together. Gladys helped work the farm and made sure Norman didn't have anything to worry about as far as the household was concerned. She enjoyed her boys' friends being on the farm, and she fed and loved them as her own. Gladys was a child of God and her heart for others was clearly seen in her care for both her community and her family. Her legacy of devotion and service will be remembered by many for generations to come. Friends are invited to join the Wisener family for visitation on Wednesday evening, July 1, 2026, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mrs. Wisener will lie in repose on Thursday, July 2, 2026, from 2 p.m. until services begin in the chapel at 3 p.m. Mrs. Gladys will be laid to rest in Holly Pond Cemetery following services. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in Mrs. Wisener's memory to: Holly Pond Cemetery, P.O. Box 335, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wisener family.

Shelbie Dean Harris, 81
Shelbie Dean Harris, 81, of Bremen, Alabama, passed away on June 26, 2026. Born Sept. 13, 1944, Shelbie will be remembered as a beloved presence whose life was marked by devotion to those closest to her and the quiet strength of a life faithfully lived. In her early years, Shelbie pursued cosmetology, a path that reflected care, attentiveness, and an appreciation for helping others look and feel their best. In time, those same steady qualities were most clearly seen in the way she loved her family, holding them close with enduring commitment and warmth. Shelbie also found comfort and purpose in the simple, meaningful rituals of home. Cooking was among her cherished interests, a familiar way of nurturing others and creating moments of togetherness that will be forever remembered with gratitude. Shelbie was preceded in death by her husband, Dale Harris; her father, JC Vandiver; and her mother, Bertha Graves Vandiver. She is survived by her son, Jeff Harris; her grandchildren, Erik Harris (Riley), Levi Harris (Jordyn), Holter Harris, and Maggie Harris; her brother, Rayburn Vandiver; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Cold Springs Baptist Church, 1460 County Road 54, Bremen, AL 35033, on June 1, 2026, from 12:30-2 p.m. A graveside service will follow at Cold Springs Baptist Church on July 1, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m. Julia Edwards Wyatt, 79
Julia Edwards Wyatt passed on June 28, 2026, at the age of 79. Julia was a resident of Cullman, Alabama, and is survived by her husband, Gene Wyatt; her sons, Daniel (Britney) Wyatt and Matthew Wyatt; and 3 Grandchildren. Visitation was held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on July 1, 2026, from 9:30-11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the same location from 11-11:30 a.m. A Committal Service took place at Valley Springs Baptist Church, County Road 281, Cullman, AL 35057, on July 1, 2026, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Herman Leon Haney, 75
Funeral service for Herman Leon Haney, 75, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, July 3, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethel Baptist Church at Blair. Bro. Johnny Benefield will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home prior to the service from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Haney passed away at his residence Monday, June 29, 2026. He was born Jan. 5, 1951, to Leon and Vera Mae Haney. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Linda Sue Haney; son, Robert Haney; brother, Doyle Haney; sister, Ruth Johnson. Survivors include his son, William Haney (Alice); two grandsons, Dave and Jed Chaney; daughter, Mandy Pace; four granddaughters, Hailey Johnson, Stacie Johnson, Shayna Johnson, Kaley Johnson; brother, Joe Haney, family and friends. Herman loved watching ballgames. He was a big Auburn Football and Atlanta Braves fan. He drove a truck for many years. He was a good man and will be missed. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Christopher Wayne Williams, 54
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Christopher Wayne Williams, 54, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Williams passed from this life June 29, 2026. He was born July 1, 1977, to Edward Lee Williams and Vicki Lynn Cheshire. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother; a daughter, Whitney Williams; sisters, Christena Hasenbein, Christian Dickerson, Sarah Cheshire; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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