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Records show Hanceville Flock cameras authorized for transfer after police department dissolution

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Flock series, part 2

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville's four-camera Flock Safety system became part of the city's law enforcement transition after officials dissolved the Hanceville Police Department and turned law enforcement authority over to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office early last year.

This is part 2 of The Cullman Tribune's series examining Flock Safety automated license plate reader (ALPR) cameras in the Cullman area. Part 1 focused on the Cullman Police Department. Part 3 will focus on the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

This article focuses on Hanceville's Flock camera system, the transfer authorization after the Hanceville Police Department was dissolved and records or responses related to Wallace State Community College.

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Hanceville Fire & Rescue hosts 26 for latest CPAT course



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Jonathan Crumpton (left), Lt. Kaleb Jones (middle) and Vincent Fanelli (right)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Fire & Rescue is a testing site for the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) course, the first step toward becoming a firefighter. The department was a happening place on July 3, with 26 attendees there to take the test. Some traveled from as far as Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Albuquerque.

The Department hosts monthly CPAT rotations, typically the first Friday of each month. There are only four departments in the state that run monthly rotations; others run occasionally or seasonally.

Assistant Chief Bart Absher gave a full rundown of what the participants would have to endure. The first thing was the stair stepper. Absher said they got a 20-second warm-up, where they could touch the handrails and get a good feel of it. "They have to wear a 75-pound vest" Absher explained, "so, after that warm-up they have to let go of the hand rails; they can only hold onto their vest." The stair stepper was 60 steps a minute.

After it's over they are freed from 25 pounds. And then, it's off to the next round, where they are tasked with the hose drag, tool carries and ladder raises. They also have to drag a dummy that's approximately 160 **» PAGE 5**



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The Cullman Tribune was awarded the inaugural Center for Integrity in News Reporting award at the Alabama Press Association Summer Convention. Rufus Friday, CFINR, presented the award to Noah Galilee, Tribune publisher, at the event held June 26-28, 2026. **» PAGE 7**

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Macie Moo is a priceless companion



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 8

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 8, 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

July 2

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $66; Olive St. SW

July 3

• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; UHAUL; damage to '19 GMC Savana; $4,000; 2nd Ave. SW

July 6

• harassment; person
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; shoes; $23; Hwy. 157
• assault-2nd degree; person; Cherokee Ave. SW

July 7

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Briarwood Dr. SE
• domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Fuller St. SW
• criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; damage to '16 GMC; $1,000; 4th ST. SW

ARRESTS
July 7

Wyatt, Joseph L.; 29
• public intoxication

Nixon, David G.; 62
• FTA – fail to register vehicle (2 counts)
• FTA – insurance violation (3 counts)
• FTA – driving without license

Jones, Tyler K.; 26
• FTA – expired tag
• FTA – driving without license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 7, at the Vinemont Town Hall.

During the work session, council members reviewed preliminary plans for a proposed expansion of Vinemont Town Hall. The project would add approximately 1,300 square feet, providing additional office space and a larger council meeting room. Officials discussed preliminary drawings for the expansion and a projected budget of approximately $210,000.

Council members also discussed participation in the Cullman Area Chamber's upcoming Washington, D.C., Fly-In, where Mayor Bonnie Goodwin, Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser and Public Works Director Mike Graves are expected to meet with federal representatives to advocate for funding to expand U.S. Highway 31 from two lanes to four lanes between the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Old Highway 31 to the former bark plant on U.S. Highway 31.

"Our local infrastructure plays a vital role in safety, economic growth and quality of life. Securing additional funding could help address critical roadway repairs and upgrades without placing undue strain on our local budgets," said Sasser.

"We believe that direct engagement with federal agencies and representatives could significantly improve our chances of obtaining these funds and having them earmarked for this project. We have already gathered support from our surrounding municipalities and some of our county/state level agencies and representatives."

The council approved the trip during the official meeting.

Additionally, the council adopted Resolution No. 2026-07-01, declaring a surplus town-owned item that will be sold through GovDeals.

Annexation efforts also remained a topic of discussion. Council members announced plans to host a community meeting for residents interested in learning more about potential annexation into the town. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center.

The meeting concluded with updates on an upcoming community event:

• Senior Citizens Day – July 20, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center

The next meeting of the Vinemont Town Council will be Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Vinemont Town Hall. The work session will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow at 6.

Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Dr.

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Town Council on Monday voted to table a motion to create a franchise agreement with Sprout Fiber Internet, declining to enact the agreement until more study can be done on the issue. At issue was the fee the town would collect and the likelihood that Sprout would pass the cost of the fee on to customers.

Mayor Clint Haynes told the council that all communications companies such as Sprout, Verizon and AT&T have franchise agreements with the municipalities in which they provide services.

Town Attorney Andy Herren told the council, "Everybody's already paying a franchise tax, whether they've got AT&T or what have you. If they've got some kind of line running to their house, there's a franchise agreement probably somewhat similar to this town," observing, "Whenever you pass something new like that, we're not taxing people. It's not something like that, but it is an agreement with Sprout where they pay us money to use our stuff, just like all the other companies."

Haynes continued, "They're going to push that money that they pay us down to the customer, and y'all are going to get hammered on that."

Council members noted that, as customers switch to Sprout from another provider, they will likely be coming from a company already charging them a fee to another doing the same, with the only difference being that Sprout might send out letters to inform customers of the increase.

Herren said that if the council does not charge Sprout a franchise fee, the town might need to go back and review all other existing franchise agreements, as other companies might ask, "Why does one company get a break when all the other ones don't?"

The council will take up the issue again at its next meeting.

Park news: pickleball courts ready to go, new director needed

Haynes said that the town's new pickleball courts "as far as I'm concerned, are done." While the town might add decorative greenery, the courts are now open. Lights on timed availability will allow the courts to be used from 5 a.m.-10 p.m. each day.

Haynes also told the council that the current park director will not return, and that he plans to advertise for a new director with the same responsibilities, hours and pay. He hopes to have the position filled by Sept. 1, 2026.

The council discussed the development of a playground at the park, noting that equipment will need to include activities for both big and small children, as well as handicapped-accessible equipment. Councilwoman Julie Grimes was named as the playground project manager.

Haynes said that the playground will be the town's "big project for next year."

Other news

The council discussed placement of a large LED sign at town hall, and the recruitment of local businesses and organizations to buy space on the board's rotating digital pages. The stated cost was $290 per year for 10 years, but could be lower with more businesses.

The council declined a request for the town to pay for a memorial bench honoring a past local softball team coach, but said that the town would work with any groups who wanted to buy one themselves.

The council took its first look at a request from a subdivision on Wesley Avenue for repairs to a collapsed culvert. According to Haynes, the road where the culvert is located does not belong to the town, and the county has declined to work on the road due to it being a private road. Haynes added that the county told him that the road cannot be accepted as a county road until the residents of the community bring the road up to county specifications. According to the council, developer Melvin Hastings had previously been told that the thoroughfare needed improvements to be an accepted road. The council will formally take up this issue at its next meeting.

The Fairview Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of every month at Fairview Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
• If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon.
• Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, July 10 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups 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 12 – 8:15 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville
• The library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon-1 p.m.) and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly details or please feel free to call us at 256-352-0685. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.
• Wednesday, 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.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, July 9, at 9:30 a.m. at St Andrew's Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave SW, Cullman. Interested in quilting? Come and visit. Everyone welcome.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Summer Revival
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.

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.

Save the Date!!! Cullman Chapter of NARFE Meeting
• Monday, July 13, at Freddie Day's, 1628 Second Ave. NW (U.S. Highway 31),
• 11 a.m.-noon: Lunch, $15 on your own
• Noon: Program: The Minuteman's Wife
• Speaker: Roberta McClellan (in 1776 costume)
• Please make plans to attend and bring a friend/federal retiree with you!

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.

Cullman Eagle Forum Movie
Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m. We will be showing the movie "A Great Awakening" at the VFW located at 112 Veterans Dr. SW, Cullman. https://alabamaeagle.org/event/movie-showing-the-great-awakening-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

Macie Moo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Macie Moo, a tortoiseshell cat, often called a tortie, who is approximately 2 years old. She's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council at its Monday, July 6, meeting approved new fiscal year 2027 sanitation, sewer and water rates, along with grant, infrastructure, nuisance, economic development and tourism-related items. The council also received the city's May financial report.

Sanitation, sewer and water rates

The council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-39, setting rates for collection and disposal of municipal solid waste for fiscal year 2027.

The rates begin with services rendered Oct. 1, 2026. Residential garbage collection inside the city limits will be $17 per month for the first city-provided container. Each additional container will cost $10 per month.

Optional residential single-stream recycling service will be $10 per month for the first container and $10 per month for each additional recycling container.

The ordinance states garbage and waste must be placed in plastic bags inside city-provided containers. It also states the city will not pick up trash or waste placed in containers other than city-provided containers.

Excessive trash pickup at a residence may result in an additional pickup fee at the discretion of the Sanitation Department.

For commercial locations, the ordinance sets a $70 monthly minimum charge for weekly solid waste dumpster pickup.

Commercial locations are generally required to use front-load dumpsters. The sanitation superintendent may grant a written waiver if space constraints prevent safe dumpster placement.

For locations receiving a waiver, the ordinance allows a 96-gallon cart. The cost is a $70 monthly minimum for weekly pickup for each office or business. The ordinance states cart service will not be provided to restaurants or food establishments.

Dumpster service will be billed per haul, with a $65 delivery fee. A 2-yard dumpster will cost $100 per haul. A 4-yard dumpster will cost $150 per haul. A 6-yard dumpster will cost $200 per haul. An 8-yard dumpster will cost $250 per haul.

Roll-off container service will include a $130 delivery charge. Per-haul charges will range from $215 to $250, depending on container size. Daily rent will be $8, plus tipping fees.

The ordinance also sets the minimum monthly rental charge for a compactor at $625, plus hauling and disposal fees.

Beginning each Oct. 1, all sanitation rates and fees will receive an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-39 was made by Councilman Jason Willoughby with Councilman Paul Schaffer providing a second. It was approved unanimously.

The council also adopted Ordinance No. 2026-40, setting retail sewer rates for fiscal year 2027. The rates are effective Oct. 1, 2026. Charges will be based on the quantity of water used during a billing period of approximately 30 days or once each month.

Residential customers inside the city limits will pay a $10 base charge plus $15.25 per 1,000 gallons. Residential customers outside the city limits will pay a $20 base charge plus $21 per 1,000 gallons.

Commercial customers inside the city limits will pay a $20 base charge plus $17.75 per 1,000 gallons. Commercial customers outside the city limits will pay a $40 base charge plus $23.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Industrial customers inside the city limits will pay a $50 base charge plus $20.25 per 1,000 gallons. Industrial customers outside the city limits will pay a $100 base charge plus $26 per 1,000 gallons.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2027, all sewer rates and fees will receive an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater, unless the council passes a resolution waiving the adjustment.

A motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-40 was made by Schaffer, with Councilman Chuck Shikle seconding. It was approved unanimously.

The council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-41, setting retail water rates for fiscal year 2027.The rates are effective Oct. 1, 2026. Charges will be based on the quantity of water used during a billing period of approximately 30 days or once each month.

Residential customers inside the city limits will pay a $10 base charge plus $10.75 per 1,000 gallons. Residential customers outside the city limits will pay a $20 base charge plus $16.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Commercial customers inside the city limits will pay a $20 base charge plus $12.75 per 1,000 gallons. Commercial customers outside the city limits will pay a $40 base charge plus $18.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Industrial customers inside the city limits will pay a $50 base charge plus $14.75 per 1,000 gallons. Industrial customers outside the city limits will pay a $100 base charge plus $20.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The ordinance also creates an agricultural rate for poultry farmers of $20 plus $12.75 per 1,000 gallons.

To qualify, a poultry farmer must operate at least one poultry house continuously during the year. The ordinance states poultry houses must be owned and operated by U.S. citizens to receive the rate.

The ordinance states the retail water rate changes do not affect the city's wholesale water rate. That rate is calculated annually under contracts between the city and its wholesale customers.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2027, all water rates and fees will receive an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater, unless the council passes a resolution waiving the adjustment.

Schaffer and Councilman David Moss motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-41. It was approved unanimously.

Other committee reports

Council President Kim Hall presented the city's May financial report.

The report showed May revenues of $4,361,801, down 9% from May 2025. May expenses were $4,320,074, down 18.6% from the same month last year. The city reported a May surplus of $41,727.

For the fiscal year to date, the city reported revenues of $41,398,885 and expenses of $39,351,430. That left a year-to-date surplus of $2,047,455.

Sales tax collections were listed at $19,717,028, down 0.9% from the same point last year. Building permit revenue was listed at $363,234, down 39.6%. Property tax revenue, internet sales tax and business license revenue were all higher than the prior year.

Councilman Shikle gave the Public Safety Committee report, saying that according to the Cullman City Communications Operational report, Cullman City Communications took 3183 police calls, 438 fire medical calls and 802 911 emergency calls (not including hang-ups).

He also noted that on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, Cullman Fire Rescue hosted Mid-Rise Mayhem at The Goat at Cotton Creek.

"This is tactical training for mid-rise buildings – perfect training for the heights of our motels, apartments and businesses here," Shikle said. "It's training that can teach them not only how to put water in these higher areas, but it's a great opportunity that allows them to work with other agencies."

For the Tourism Committee, Councilman Moss reported the Airport Apron Project aims to be completed in August 2026. He noted the concrete is currently being poured.

He mentioned the upcoming 2nd Fridays event on July 10 will have an additional stage, making a total of four. This is projected to be a large turnout following June's 2nd Fridays record of 11,900 in attendance.

Moss also shared the previously reported news that the Alabama Strawberry Festival was named Alabama's Best Music Festival in the 2026 Best of Bama Awards by Alabama Magazine.

Cullman County Museum Director Molly Bloom was recognized following an introduction by Christy Turner of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

Councilman Willoughby of the Public Works Committee read a report from Sam Dillender, director of the City of Cullman Sanitation Department.

"Sanitation operations are currently working through a reroute of residential customers, making changes daily to the routes. This will allow the team to ensure that the residential system is efficient and provides consistent services to all residents."

He advised that there will be no change to service days for any of the 6,587 residential cart customers.

Grants

The council accepted a $750,000 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant tied to the city's planned community theater project at 303 Clark St. NE. Council members also approved grant management services for the project, awarded a bid connected to the Logan Street Southwest Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) improvement project and authorized a one-year agreement to help host the 2027 Alabama High School Athletic Association Outdoor Track and Field State Championships for Class 1A, 2A and 3A.

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-119, awarding grant application preparation and administration services for federal grant projects.

The resolution states the city plans to apply for various federal grant projects that will benefit city residents. Under the resolution, the selected firm will provide application preparation services and grant administrative services needed to implement approved federally funded projects through fiscal year 2029.

Application development services will be provided at no cost to the city. If an application is approved by a federal or state agency, the mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with the selected firm for project administrative services under the approved administrative fee scale.

The resolution reads, "Be it resolved that the City Council has evaluated the administrative proposals received and have selected Community Consultants, Inc. to provide application preparation services and all grant administrative services required to implement all approved federally funding grant projects through FY2029 in accordance with federal regulations."

Moss motioned to adopt the ordinance, and Shikle provided a second.

The council also adopted Resolution No. 2026-120, awarding federal grant engineering development and design services.

The resolution states the city solicited proposals from qualified professional engineering firms. The firm or firms will provide application development services, engineering design and inspection services for approved federal grant projects.

The selected firm or firms may be used on a project-by-project basis.

If a project is determined feasible, the selected firm may begin developing maps, cost estimates and other required documents upon city approval. Those development services will be provided at no cost to the city.

If an application is approved by ADECA, the mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with the selected firm for engineering services under the approved FmHA engineering fee scale.

"We had multiple companies put in bids. We are able to accept more than one of those bids in case specialty areas apply," Hall advised. "The three companies will be St. John and Associates, Sain Associates and Three Notch Group."

A motion to adopt was made by Willoughby and Shikle. It was approved unanimously.

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-122, awarding the bid for precast manholes for the Logan Street Southwest CDBG Neighborhood Improvement Project to Foley Products Company.

The project is tied to a CDBG for infrastructure improvements on Logan Street Southwest, Sixth Street Southwest and Austin Avenue Southwest.According to the resolution, the city and St. John and Associates, the city's consulting engineer, evaluated the bids and determined Foley Products Company was the low bidder.

The mayor is authorized to enter into a contract with Foley Products Company, upon approval from ADECA, in the amount of $53,605.05.

Schaffer motioned to adopt this resolution and Moss seconded. It was approved unanimously.

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-123, accepting a $750,000 ARC grant from ADECA to renovate the former Calvary Apostolic First United Pentecostal Church for development of the Cullman Community Theater.

The project location is listed on the agenda as 303 Clark St. NE. The city will provide a local cash match of $750,000, plus all administration and architectural fees.

The local match was previously committed by the council through Resolution No. 2025-51 on June 2, 2025.

The resolution authorizes Mayor Woody Jacobs to sign the ARC grant agreements, certifications, assurances and other documents needed to implement the project.

Moss made the motion to adopt, followed by Willoughby.

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-125, authorizing a contract with Community Consultants, Inc. for grant management services tied to the ARC theater grant.

The resolution in addition to Resolution No. 2026-123, which accepted the $750,000 ARC grant for the Cullman Community Theater project.

The resolution states Community Consultants, Inc. was selected to provide grant administration services for all federal grants approved through fiscal year 2026.

The resolution authorizes the mayor to enter into a contract with Community Consultants, Inc. to perform project administrative services required to implement the theater project under the approved ADECA administrative fee scale.

The motion for adoption was made by Moss and seconded by Schaffer.

Downtown Redevelopment Authority of Cullman

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-121, which will begin the process of dissolving the Downtown Redevelopment Authority of Cullman.

The resolution states the authority was created under Alabama Code § 11-54A-1 et seq. to promote trade and commerce by revitalizing and redeveloping the city's central business district.

The resolution states the council determined the authority's original purposes have either been substantially achieved or can be handled more efficiently through direct administration by the city and its existing departments and boards.

The resolution cites Alabama Code § 11-54A-20. That law allows an authority with no bonds or other obligations outstanding to dissolve after its board adopts a resolution of dissolution and files a certified copy with the Alabama Secretary of State.

Under the resolution, the Downtown Redevelopment Authority board is requested and directed to adopt a resolution of dissolution at the earliest practicable date.

Once that resolution is filed with the Secretary of State, the authority's funds, property, contracts, records and other assets would vest in the city. The city would also assume the related responsibilities.

The resolution authorizes the mayor and city clerk to coordinate the transfer of assets, records, documents and ongoing projects to the appropriate city departments.

A motion to adopt was made by Shikle, with Schaffer providing a second. It was approved unanimously.

Nuisance properties

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-124, affixing the cost of nuisance abatement and creating a weed lien at 611 Cleveland Ave. SW.

The resolution cites Alabama Code §§ 11-67-60 through 11-67-68. Those sections give municipalities authority to declare overgrown grass or weeds a public nuisance and provide for abatement.

According to the resolution, the council adopted Resolution No. 2026-109 on June 22, 2026. That resolution declared the property at 611 Cleveland Ave. SW a public nuisance.

The property is identified as PIN 30695 and Parcel No. 17-05-16-4-003-007.000.

The resolution states the nuisance involved overgrown grass and weeds exceeding 12 inches in height. It states the growth was unsightly, constituted a fire hazard and provided breeding grounds for pests.

The council assessed the total abatement cost at $1,100, including labor, equipment, materials and administrative costs. The resolution creates a weed lien against the property.

The lien is superior to all other liens except tax liens and will remain in force until paid in full.

The city clerk is directed to file a certified copy of the resolution with the Cullman County Probate Office. A copy will also be provided to the Cullman County Tax Collector or Revenue Commissioner so the amount may be added to the next regular tax bill.

Willoughby motioned to adopt and was seconded by Moss.

AHSAA

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-126, authorizing the city to enter into a one-year contract with the Alabama High School Athletic Association and Cullman City Schools to collectively host the 2027 AHSAA Outdoor Track and Field State Championships for Class 1A, 2A and 3A.

The event is scheduled for May 6-8, 2027. The agreement term begins June 17, 2026, and ends May 10, 2027.

The championships will be held at Cullman High School. The city and Cullman City Schools will provide the stadium, staff and use of the premises at no cost to AHSAA.

Parking may not exceed $5 per vehicle per day.

Under the agreement, the city and Cullman City Schools will retain stadium concession revenue and parking fees. AHSAA will retain gate revenue.

The city and Cullman City Schools will provide a maximum cash bid fee of $18,000, payable to AHSAA no later than 60 days after completion of the event.

They will also provide complimentary rooms for AHSAA staff, the tournament director, the track announcer, event officials and athletic trainers.

The agreement also calls for a hospitality area at the stadium, with complimentary breakfast and lunch Thursday, Friday and Saturday for AHSAA staff, officials, workers and volunteers.

The city and Cullman City Schools will work with area hotels to secure discounted rates for participating teams and fans. Those rates are to be posted on the AHSAA website and the city's website.

Moss motioned to adopt the resolution, and it was seconded by Shikle.

Project Panel

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-127, amending the tax abatement for Project Panel.

The amended resolution replaces a resolution adopted May 26, 2026. The amendment updates Project Panel's capital investment figure to $6,610,500.

After the original abatement was passed, the prospective company discovered that additional renovations and equipment will be needed for the building.

Because of these changes, the total capital investment increased by more than 10% from the original estimated amount.

According to state law, an amendment is required to a previously approved abatement when the cost changes by more than 10% from the amount approved in the original Tax Abatement Agreement and Resolution.

This amendment ensures that the project documentation accurately represents the company's commitment and allows the additional qualifying investment to be included under the approved tax abatement.

The resolution states Project Panel involves a new project within the city's jurisdiction.

Under the Tax Incentive Reform Act of 1992, the company requested abatement of state and local noneducational ad valorem taxes, construction-related transaction taxes, and sales taxes on manufacturing and non-manufacturing machinery/equipment, except those levied for educational purposes to the extent allowed by law.

The noneducational tax abatement, if applicable, will extend for 10 years.

The documents list an estimated annual noneducational property tax abatement of $22,476 and an estimated $36,585 in tax abatements for construction-related transactions and equipment.

The documents also project employment growth from five initial jobs to 12 in year one, 18 in year two and 18 or more in year three.

Projected annual payroll is listed at $343,200 initially, $686,400 in year one, $823,680 in year two and $1.5 million in year three.

The resolution authorizes the city to enter into an abatement agreement with the company.

Moss motioned to adopt the resolution, and was seconded by Willoughby.

Cullman Primary Water Transmission Pipeline Replacement project

The council also heard the first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-44, which would authorize the issuance of a $5,090,000 general obligation warrant through the State Revolving Fund, Series 2026-DWSRF-DL.

The agenda describes the item as a State Revolving Fund loan to replace the 30-inch Primary Transmission Pipeline, phase one. The loan is tied to the Cullman Primary Water Transmission Pipeline Replacement project.

The ordinance states the warrant is dated July 1, 2026, and would be issued to the Alabama Drinking Water Finance Authority. The loan amount is $5,090,000.

The project fund is listed at $5,079,000, and the loan recipient share of finance expenses is listed at $11,000. No principal forgiveness is listed.

The project's estimated completion date is June 1, 2028. Loan payments begin Aug. 15, 2026.

The principal installments are due on Feb. 15 each year from 2027 through 2046. The documents list an interest rate of 0.10% and an administrative fee rate of 2.10%, both calculated on the outstanding principal installments.

The ordinance states the warrant is a general obligation of the city, backed by the city's full faith and credit.

Since Ordinance No. 2026-44 was listed as a first reading, final adoption would normally occur at a later meeting unless the council took additional procedural action.

No action was taken at this time, but the ordinance will be addressed at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Willoughby, before the meeting adjourned, said, "I see the audience trying to look at the scroll on the screen. Very proud that it's there, but we go through a lot in a short amount of time. I would invite anyone that's interested to go and look at the hyperlinks because all of the documents that we're voting on are public knowledge."

This agendas and minutes of 2025 as well as 2026 can be found at https://cullmanal.gov/cca/

Next meeting

The next Cullman City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium.

The public is encouraged to attend and meeting notices are posted in advance at www.facebook.com/CullmanCity.

Public invited to ALDOT North Region transportation planning meeting

Staff Reports
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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Transportation's North Region will host a public involvement meeting on July 15, 2026, from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to discuss and comment on the Statewide Transportation Plan (SWTP). Comments received during the meeting will help shape Alabama's next Statewide Transportation Plan.

What is the SWTP and why does it matter?
The SWTP evaluates the current transportation system and identifies improvement and maintenance strategies from now through 2050 to help meet the state's economic development, transportation and sustainability goals. The plan helps guide how transportation dollars are invested over the next 20 years. It helps identify current and future transportation needs and priorities and supports investments that improve safety, mobility and economic growth. Alabama's transportation infrastructure includes the highway system, transit and all rail lines, bicycle and pedestrian operations, freight operations, airports and waterways.

Transportation planning decisions can affect residents in many ways, including:
- Safer roads and bridges
- Reduced congestion
- Better freight movement that supports jobs and businesses
- Improved hurricane evacuation routes
- Airport improvements that support economic development
- Better access for walking, biking and transit where appropriate
- Preserving existing infrastructure before it deteriorates

Why public input matters
Public input is a critical part of the planning process because it helps ALDOT identify transportation needs, challenges and priorities that may not be evident through data and engineering studies alone.

This meeting is an informal open house format. Representatives of ALDOT will be present for any concerns and questions. Provisions will be made to receive your comments at the meeting.

Public input gathered during the meeting will help identify transportation priorities and future needs in the North Region.

Anyone with disabilities needing special assistance should contact ALDOT at 256-505-4955 at least five business days before the meeting and specify the type of assistance needed.

The regional meeting will be held at the following location:

ALDOT North Region Office – First Floor Conference Room
1525 Perimeter Parkway
Huntsville, Alabama 35806

The North Region includes the following counties: Cherokee, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall and Morgan.

Course (from Front)

pounds of dead weight.

"Everything is designed to be a fire department entity," said Absher, "pulling hose, pulling people, carrying tools from the truck back and forth." There was even a maze they had to crawl through, "and then the big white maze out there; it's got obstacles inside. They have to go over, under, around and then they'll come out and do the rest of the course." They were also tasked with a ceiling breach and pull which was the last thing on the to-do list. "So, it's teaching them how to pull ceilings and it's also weighted."

Hanceville was sitting at 94 degrees with 90% humidity on July 3, with the pressure high, carrying an extra 75 pounds and only 10 minutes to complete the course.

Prospects must pass the CPAT in order to become a firefighter. According to the Alabama Fire College, "As prescribed by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards and Education Commission (AFC & PSEC), job-related physical performance requirements shall be used to select inherently physically capable individuals to be trained as fire fighters.

Therefore, the firefighter candidate shall successfully complete the IAFF/IAFC Fire Service Joint Labor Management Wellness/Fitness Initiative Program-Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) prior to entering a minimum standards course for Fire Fighter I/II, Fire Fighter I/II Bridge, and Fire Fighter I Recertification (based on initial FFI requirements)."

For a more in-depth look at CPAT, visit www.alabamafirecollege.org/courses-aining/student-resources/cpat.

Get more details at Facebook/Hanceville Fire & Rescue CPAT course.

Flock (from Front)

- Hanceville Police Department dissolution documents
- Text messages
- A mayoral transfer letter
- City payment records
- Alabama Power records
- County invoices related to deputy overtime coverage
- A Flock Safety amendment to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office agreement

The Tribune is not publishing a full map of camera locations or camera angles. Hanceville's records identify four Flock cameras at or near the Alabama Highway 91 and U.S. Highway 31 intersection.

Hanceville Police Department dissolved
Ordinance No. 2026-2, adopted by the Hanceville City Council on Feb. 12, 2026, abolished the Hanceville Police Department, eliminated all positions within the department, shifted law enforcement authority to CCSO and authorized the mayor to negotiate any necessary transition agreements.

It also addressed police department records, including:
- Police records
- Incident reports
- Evidence logs
- Citations
- Administrative files
- Related documents

Those records were to be secured and maintained in compliance with Alabama records retention laws.

The mayor was authorized to designate an appropriate agency, contractor or CCSO to assume custody, storage or archiving of the records.

CCSO's authority within Hanceville's corporate limits and police jurisdiction includes:
- Patrol
- Investigation
- Arrest authority
- Response to calls for service

Hanceville's Flock camera system became one of the operational issues addressed after the department was dissolved.

Four cameras at 91/31
Hanceville had four Flock cameras at or near the Alabama Highway 91 and U.S. Highway 31 intersection.

A March 24 text message screenshot shows Mayor Nolan Bradford asking Sheriff Matt Gentry about the system.

The message said the city understood CCSO could still access data from the cameras even though Hanceville no longer could. It also stated there was a monthly cost of approximately $850.

Bradford asked whether the sheriff's office would be willing to pay some or all of that cost until Hanceville got a police department back.

"I hate to have them disconnected if they have value," the message said.

Gentry responded that he believed the State of Alabama could access the cameras. He also asked how many cameras Hanceville had. The response was four.

A later message attributed to IT said the cameras appeared to be the Hanceville cameras. It said CCSO could access them but did not have control over them.

The same message said CCSO could absorb the cameras with:
- A copy of the police department dissolution
- A letter from Hanceville's mayor authorizing the transfer

Transfer letter signed April 1
On April 1, Bradford signed a letter to Gentry authorizing the transfer of the four Flock cameras at the 91/31 intersection from the City of Hanceville to CCSO.

The letter said Hanceville would pay all Alabama Power invoices through March 31.

An email from Bradford to Gentry that same morning said the letter and the signed police department dissolution ordinance were attached.

A separate Flock Safety amendment dated April 17, 2026, amended the agreement between Flock and AL - Cullman County SO.

The amendment listed:
- Four Flock Safety LPR fixed Falcon cameras
- A $12,000 annual recurring subtotal
- An amendment to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office agreement

The materials show Hanceville authorized transfer of the cameras and CCSO's Flock agreement was amended to add four cameras.

The March 24 text message estimated the monthly cost at approximately $850. The later Flock Safety amendment listed four fixed Falcon cameras with a $12,000 annual recurring subtotal.

The provided materials do not include a separate final confirmation from Flock stating the exact date the transfer was completed inside the system.

Costs tied to transition and camera system
The Hanceville records include Alabama Power and city expense documents tied to the "Flock System." They also include documents showing Hanceville was billed by the Cullman County Commission for deputy overtime coverage before the police department was formally dissolved.

The county invoices included:
- Jan. 1, 2026: $2,014.29 for December 2025 deputy overtime coverage, including 47.75 overtime hours, $1,728.71 in overtime and $285.58 in FICA and retirement benefits
- Feb. 1, 2026: $2,726.46 for January 2026 deputy overtime coverage, including 61 overtime hours, $2,339.91 in overtime and $386.55 in FICA and retirement benefits

April 2026 city payment documents also list Alabama Power entries described as "Flock System" expenses, including one for $2,343 and another for $233.06.

The cameras remained a budget and operational issue as Hanceville dissolved its police department and shifted law enforcement authority to CCSO.

The documents provided for this installment do not show whether Hanceville paid any Flock subscription costs after the April 1 transfer letter. They also do not show whether Hanceville retained any user access after the transfer was authorized.

Wallace State Community College
Wallace State Community College is included in this part of the series because its campus police department operates in Hanceville and because the campus is part of the same local public safety environment.

The master materials reviewed for this installment did not include the same level of Wallace State-specific documentation provided for CPD, CCSO and Hanceville.

They did not include a Wallace State Flock Safety order form, invoice, camera list, audit log, sharing spreadsheet or written ALPR policy.

A prior Tribune editorial noted Wallace State Community College elected to respond to questions about Flock Safety cameras without requiring a formal records request.

"There are four Flock cameras on campus," Wallace State President Vicki Karolewics said. "The cameras help monitor vehicles that could be flagged for safety issues or concerns."

The college has said the cameras are used as a campus safety measure, including to monitor for vehicles that may be tied to threats involving students, educators, staff or students who live on campus.

What the records show and do not show

The records show:
- Hanceville had four Flock cameras at or near the Alabama Highway 91 and U.S. Highway 31 intersection.
- The cameras were discussed after Hanceville dissolved its police department and transferred law enforcement authority to CCSO.
- Hanceville officials believed CCSO could access data from the cameras even though Hanceville no longer could.
- A later IT message said CCSO could access the cameras but did not have control over them.
- Bradford signed an April 1 letter authorizing transfer of the four cameras to CCSO.
- A Flock Safety amendment dated April 17 added four fixed Falcon cameras to the CCSO agreement with a $12,000 annual recurring subtotal.
- The camera system became part of the broader law enforcement handoff after the city abolished its police department.

The records provided for this installment do not show:
- A separate final confirmation from Flock stating the exact date the transfer was completed inside the system
- Whether Hanceville retained any user access after the transfer authorization
- Whether Hanceville paid any Flock subscription costs after the April 1 transfer letter
- A Hanceville-specific audit log from before the department was dissolved
- A Hanceville-specific user or access permission list after the transfer
- A public outcome report listing cases, arrests, recoveries or prosecutions directly tied to the Hanceville cameras
- Wallace State-specific contracts, order forms, invoices, camera lists, policies, audit logs or sharing records in the master materials for this installment

The records show that questions about who can access, control, pay for and audit local Flock cameras can change when law enforcement authority shifts from one agency to another.

Part 3 of this series will examine the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Flock system, including CCSO's contracts, policy, audit records, shared-network document and the four Hanceville cameras added to the county agreement.

Read part 1 at www.cullmantribune.com/2026/07/07/records-show-cullman-police-departments-flock-camera-system-expanded-as-retention-policy-changed.



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
2014 BUICK REGAL 2G4GK5EX4E9284026
2005 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4BL11D75C279806
2013 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4AL3AP6DC114314
2020 JEEP RENEGADE ZACNJBAB2LPL00519
2012 NISSAN SENTRA 3N1AB6AP6CL720426
2015 DODGE JOURNEY 3C4PDCBG8FT726778
2002 NISSAN ALTIMA 1N4BL11D12C232346
2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN 2C4RDGCG1CR212204

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Case# PC2024-283
PB WIL Book:139 Page:484
Recorded in Above Book and Page
06/25/2026 3:27PM
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
1 Page(s)

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
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256)775-4444

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Bill Floyd,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: CV 2026-900228

Debbie A. Sutton,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

The above listed Defendant, Debbie Sutton, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's complaint for loan ($178,313.19) by August 31, 2026 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in Case No. CV 2026-900228, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 7th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Pro Se Plaintiff
Bill Floyd
409 6th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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 22nd 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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HARRY ALBERT PERKINS, * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-225**
Deceased. *

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Melinda Kay Denson, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Harry Albert Perkins, deceased, on the 16th day of July, 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.

Melinda Kay Denson
Personal Representatives

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
PO BOX 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GLENN WILSON,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900132.00**

DONNA HARTZELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Donna Hartzell, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Glenn Wilson's Divorce Complaint by August 31st, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2026-900132.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 2nd day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JOHNNY BERRY
P O BOX 1052
CULLMAN, AL 35056-1052

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
409 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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 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
Attorney for the Petitioner
611 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

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

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

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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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
Wallace, Jordan, Ratliff & Brandt, LLC
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 530910
Birmingham, Alabama 35253

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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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.

Sherry H. Barrett
SMITH & SMITH ATTORNEYS, LLC
Attorneys for Petitioner
328 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4721

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City of Good Hope Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on July 20, 2026 @ 6:00 pm the City Council of the City of Good Hope will hold a public hearing on July 27th, 2026 at 6:30 pm at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 019-2026. Christie Chamblee, City Clerk

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 019-2026
TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN
PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO: 019-2026
RE-ZONE PARCEL FROM GB TO R2

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, it is therefore, provided:

For the purpose of rezoning the below parcel of property from GB to R2 located in the corporate limits of the City of Good Hope, Cullman County, Alabama to GB

6.8 AC- Property Located at 76 Schaeffel Road

1. Subject to any rights-of-ways and/or easements ofrecord. Less and Except all that part of the above described property that lies within the right of way. Situated within the city limits of Good Hope, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, heretofore designated as R2 on the Zoning Map of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, and is hereby changed from GB to R2. You may review map at Good Hope City Hall.
2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage as required by State of Alabama Law within the municipality, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and published in three places within the city limits of Good Hope and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being published on or about in the Cullman Tribune and by posting in three places.
3. That a final public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 27th day of July, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.
4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for Cullman County, Alabama.
5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Good HopeL Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.
6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance pe held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any othei-part or portion of this ordinance.
7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-78, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Christie Chamblee, City Clerk

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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith Attorneys, LLC
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
steve@smithandsmithllp.com
(256) 734-4721

Award (from Front)

Dustin Isom
dustin@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune earned 39 total honors in the 2026 Alabama Press Association Media Awards and related awards program, including 17 first-place awards, General Excellence and the inaugural Alabama Center for Integrity in News Reporting Award of Excellence.

Awards were announced during the 2026 APA Summer Convention. The annual contests were judged by members of the Pennsylvania News Media Association.

The APA editorial contest included 51 publications and 1,727 entries. The magazine contest included 22 publications and 468 entries. The advertising contest included 23 publications and 484 entries.

The Tribune, Community Matters and Cullman Today were recognized across editorial, digital, magazine and advertising categories.

The awards included honors for public service, local news coverage, investigative reporting, open-government reporting, digital presentation, podcasting, video, special sections, advertising and magazine work.

The Tribune received the Center for Integrity in News Reporting Award of Excellence for its "Hanceville Police Department Investigation Series." The series was credited to Lauren Estes, Noah Galilee, Nick Griffin and W.C. Mann.

The award, presented for the first time in Alabama, was created through a partnership among the Alabama Press Association, the Southern Newspaper Publisher Association and the Center for Integrity in News Reporting. According to APA, the award recognizes work produced in 2025 and includes a $5,000 first-place prize.

"This is a humbling achievement because it speaks directly to why local journalism matters," said Noah Galilee, publisher of The Cullman Tribune. "This work is not about taking sides. It is about following procedures, reviewing records, asking questions, giving all sides the opportunity to respond and keeping our opinions out of the reporting. That process is what allows legitimate news coverage to stand on facts instead of assumptions."

The Tribune's Hanceville investigation also won first place in the FOI-First Amendment Award category. That entry was credited to Lauren Estes, Nick Griffin, W.C. Mann and staff.

Among The Tribune's top overall honors were first place for General Excellence, first place for Best Local News Coverage, first place for Best Public Service, first place for Best Newspaper Website and first place for Best Production and Printing. The Tribune also placed second in Most Improved.

"General Excellence and Most Improved are signs of progression, but they are also reminders of the responsibility that comes with this work," Galilee said. "Journalism is facts, figures, accuracy, accountability and fairness. Awards are appreciated, but the real goal is to continue earning the trust of readers by staying unbiased and doing the work the right way."

The Cullman Tribune accounted for 33 of the 39 honors. Community Matters earned five honors, and Cullman Today earned one.

The Cullman Tribune earned the following honors:

- Center for Integrity in News Reporting Award of Excellence for "Hanceville Police Department Investigation Series," credited to Lauren Estes, Noah Galilee, Nick Griffin and W.C. Mann
- General Excellence, first place
- Most Improved, second place
- Best Newspaper Website, first place, for www.cullmantribune.com, credited to Dustin Isom, Wendy Sack and Chasady Woods
- Best Production and Printing, first place, credited to Dustin Isom
- Best Public Service, first place, for "Debate Series: Expanding Civic Engagement Through Social Media," credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and Janet Chandler
- Best Local News Coverage, first place, credited to staff
- Best Spot News Story, first place, for "Grand jury calls for abolition of Hanceville PD; 6 arrested," credited to Lauren Estes and Nick Griffin
- Best Editorial, first place, for "The Cost of Chaos, blogs, livestreams and the erosion of local news," credited to Noah Galilee
- Best Editorial, third place, for "Hope as the Next Step," credited to Noah Galilee
- Best Human Interest Column, first place, for "Woe to Little Eyes," credited to Gauge Day
- Best Humorous Column, third place, for "Rudolph – an exclusive interview," credited to Joe Hobby
- Best Local Sports Column, first place, for "How do you get your football?" credited to Bill King
- Best Local Sports Column, second place, for "The Olympics for older athletes," credited to Bill King
- Best Spot News Photo, third place, for "Fairview High School hosts Centennial Celebration," credited to Lauren Estes
- FOI-First Amendment Award, first place, for "Hanceville Police Department Investigation Series," credited to Lauren Estes, Nick Griffin, W.C. Mann and staff
- Best Editorial Page or Section, third place, credited to staff
- Best Lifestyle/Family Pages, third place, credited to staff
- Best Use of Photographs/Editorial Content, third place
- Best Niche Publication - Newsprint or Glossy, first place, for "Celebrating 150 Years"
- Creative Use of Multimedia, second place, for "Bedtime Stories – Debra Reynolds reads The Marvelous Now," credited to Dustin Isom and Debra Reynolds
- Best Podcast Series, second place, for "Bedtime Stories," credited to Dustin Isom, Janet Chandler and community members
- Best Use of Video, shorter than 2 minutes, second place, for "School bus hero - Colby Adams prevents a tragic accident," credited to Anabelle Howze
- Best Use of Video, shorter than 2 minutes, third place, for "Half Shell Oyster House," credited to Anabelle Howze
- Best Use of Video, longer than 2 minutes, third place, for "Debate Series Livestream - City Council Place 1," credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and Janet Chandler
- Best Classified Page or Section, third place, credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and Janet Chandler
- Best One Time Special Section - Newsprint or Glossy, second place, for "Football Fanatics," credited to Janet Chandler, Dustin Isom and Noah Galilee
- Best Classified Display Ad, first place, for "Dental Office Help Wanted," credited to Janet Chandler and Dustin Isom
- Best Classified Display Ad, second place, for "Manager Help Wanted," credited to Janet Chandler and Dustin Isom
- Best Classified Display Ad, third place, for "Logistics Help Wanted," credited to Janet Chandler and Dustin Isom
- Best Niche Publication, second place, for "Football Fanatics," credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and Janet Chandler
- Best Presentation of Online Advertising, first place, for www.cullmantribune.com, credited to Janet Chandler, Dustin Isom and Noah Galilee
- Online Revenue Builder, third place, for "CullmanTribune.com - Subscribe to The Cullman Tribune," credited to Janet Chandler and Dustin Isom

Community Matters earned the following honors:

- Best Regularly Scheduled Special Section - Newsprint or Glossy, first place, for "November Community Matters," credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and Janet Chandler
- Best Photo Essay, first place, for "Following the magic of the Oregon coastline," credited to Sherry Brown
- Best Individual Website, third place, for www.cullmantribune.com/cullman-community-matters-magazine, credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and staff
- Best House Ad or Self-Promotion, third place, for "Subscribe Today," credited to Dustin Isom
- Best Social Media Page, second place, credited to Dustin Isom, Noah Galilee and staff

Cullman Today earned the following honor:

- Best Podcast Series, first place, for "Cullman Today," credited to Dustin Isom, Anabelle Howze and Christine Wiggins

Galilee said the range of categories represented shows the work being done across the organization.

"These awards reflect a lot of people doing a lot of different work, often behind the scenes," Galilee said. "News, design, printing, video, podcasts, photography, advertising, magazines and digital presentation all matter. None of this happens because of one person. It happens because people care enough to keep pushing the work forward."

The Tribune thanked its readers, advertisers and community partners for their continued support.

"We are grateful to the readers who hold us accountable, the advertisers who make local journalism possible and the people who trust us with their stories," Galilee said. "That trust is something we have to earn every day."

HUGE 1-DAY PUBLIC AUCTION

Deanco Auctioneers

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Wednesday, July 22nd
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LEGALS

NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS
Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of July, 2026 at 7 P.M. in the council chamber, the council of the Municipality of Cullman will consider a resolution regarding the weeds growing upon or in front of the property at 306 10th Ave SE, in the Municipality of Cullman, and more particularly described in the resolution, a copy of which is on file in the office of the municipal clerk; and at that time and place will determine whether the weeds constitute a public nuisance which shall be abated by removal of the noxious or dangerous weeds; and, if so, will order the abatement and removal of the nuisance. If abatement and removal are ordered, the cost of abatement and removal shall be assessed upon the lots and lands from which or in front of which the weeds are removed, and the cost shall be added to the next regular bills for taxes levied against the respective lots and lands for municipal purposes. The costs shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary municipal taxes are collected. The costs shall be subject to the same commissions and fees and the same procedure for foreclosure and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ordinary municipal taxes.
If no objections are filed with the municipal clerk at least five days before the meeting of the council and unless the person appears before the council in person or through his or her representative to show cause, if any, why his or her objection should be sustained, it shall be presumed that the person accepts the notice as fact and waives any rights he or she may have to contest the removal of the weeds and the action of the council shall be final unless good and sufficient cause can be otherwise shown.
Reference is hereby made to the resolution, on file in the office of the municipal clerk, for further particulars.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2026.
City of Cullman
Wesley Moore, City Clerk

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Dated this 22nd day of June, 2026.
City of Cullman
Wesley Moore, City Clerk





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Help celebrate Roy Drinkard's 106th birthday!

Madelyne Grimmett
Contributor

This Sunday, July 12, Roy Drinkard will celebrate his 106th birthday.

After spending 123 days in the hospital, Roy is finally back home with his family. While he continues to recover and is not yet well enough for the large birthday celebration he has enjoyed in years past, we would still love to help make his birthday a special one.

Friends and the community are invited to help celebrate Roy's remarkable milestone by sending him a birthday card. His family looks forward to reading each card to him and sharing your kind words and birthday wishes.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Sacred Heart second graders gather around Roy Drinkard as he provides words of wisdom in 2023.

Cards may be mailed to:

Roy Drinkard
1630 Town Square SW
Cullman, AL 35055

Thank you for helping us celebrate this extraordinary milestone and for keeping Roy in your thoughts and prayers.



Obituary Announcements: July 7-8

Gary Lee "Butch" Aris, 75
Gary "Butch" Aris, born March 16, 1951, died July 5th, 2026. Butch lived in West Point, Cullman County, Alabama. Butch was proceeded in death by his parents, Levell "C.L." Aris and Jean Aris. He is survived by his wife, Joan Campbell Aris. Brother, Tim Aris and sister, Vickie Aris Nunnelley. Butch and Joan have two children: son, Clint Aris (Amanda) and daughter, Tiffany Aris Hardy (Daniel). They have four grandchildren Braiden Aris, Cooper Aris, Colton Hardy and Finlee Hardy. Butch enjoyed working on small engines and was an accomplished small engine mechanic. Butch was good working with his hands. He was a member of Bethlehem West Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to Cullman Funeral Home, 461 U.S. Highway 278 E, Cullman, AL 35055 for funeral expenses - 256-734-3144 Obituary submitted by family. Funeral service will be Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Bethlehem West Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from noon-3 p.m. prior to the service. Bro. Shane Wheeler will officiate. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Susan Marie Smith, 66
Susan Marie Smith, 66, of Hanceville passed away Monday, July 6, 2026. She was born Feb. 25, 1960, to Daniel Luther Moody and Juliet Thora Lines Moody. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. No services are planned at this time. She was loved and will be missed. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Timothy Hogland, 65
It is with heavy hearts and profound love that we announce the passing of Timothy Irvin Hogland, age 65 of Cullman, Alabama. Tim married the love of his life, Joan Hogland, on June 21, 1996. Together they shared 30 wonderful years of marriage. To his sons and grandchildren, he was a dedicated and guiding force. To his friends, he was a loyal confidant. Tim had a passion for his family, his Lord and Savior, Alabama football, as well as fishing and various sports. He was a kind, gentle man full of compassion. His laughter was contagious. His love for his children and grandchildren knew no bounds. He is survived by his loving wife, Joan Hogland; son, Shannon Cox; granddaughter Jonathon Cox; granddaughters, Alexis Cox, Jasmine Cox, Olivia Cox; great-grandchildren, Addison, Lola, Hudson, and Aubriella; loving sister, Kathy Higdon; a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends. He is preceded in death by his beloved son, Timothy James Hogland; brother, Kenneth Hogland; sisters, Linda Broughton, and Darlene Bohar. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send donations of love to family. Job 19:25-27 "But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and He will stand upon the earth at last. And after my body has decayed, yet in my body I will see God! I will see Him for myself. Yes, I will see Him with my own eyes. I am overwhelmed with the thought!"

Harold Lee Wilhite, 85
Harold Lee Wilhite, 85, of Cullman, Alabama, was born Aug. 28, 1940, and passed away July 5, 2026. Harold will be remembered with deep respect and gratitude by all who had the privilege to know him. Harold is survived by his wife, Sandra Gail Wilhite; his sons, Jimmy Wilhite (Pam), Ricky Wilhite(Susan) and Steven Wilhite(Mandy); and four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl E. and Gladys Liton Wilhite. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on July 9, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. A celebration of life funeral service will follow at Moss-Service Funeral Home on July 9, 2026, at 11 a.m. Graveside committal service will be held at Mt. Zion Cemetery, 17488 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, AL 35058, on July 9, 2026, from 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Nathaniel Putnam Hutchinson, 87
Nathaniel P. "Hutch" Hutchinson, age 87, of Hanceville, passed from this life on Thursday, July 2, 2026. A celebration of life for Hutch will be held at a future date. The family welcomes all friends and family to attend to remember Hutch. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Nathaniel was born March 4, 1939, to John F. Hutchinson and Patsy R. Hutchinson. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 47 years, Judy F. Hutchinson; and his brother, John F. Hutchinson Jr. He is survived by his son, Daniel Hutchinson (Elizabeth); daughter, Tonya Skates; and his grandchildren, Andrew Skates, and Isabella Hutchinson. Hutch was a retired project manager, surveyor, and civil engineer, who worked with T&K Construction for many years. He was a loyal member, former administrator of the Cullman chapter of the Moose Lodge, and a member of the Moose Legion. He enjoyed chess, poker, computers, applying his mental talents to problems big and small, and cheering on the University of Florida Gators. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Allen Theron McSwain, 95
Allen Theron McSwain, age 95, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 2, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. After enjoying a long life blessed with remarkably good health, Allen's health declined following a sudden illness on March 25, 2026. Though physically and mentally strong throughout his life, he never fully recovered. His family finds comfort knowing that he is now healed and reunited with loved ones who have gone before him. Allen was born on March 24, 1931, to Thurman and Perlie McSwain. On Nov. 6, 1949, he married the love of his life, Lexie Hancock McSwain, and together they shared 66 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 2015. Their marriage was a beautiful example of faithfulness, love, and devotion. A hardworking provider, Allen dedicated many years to his career, working at HN Donahue, Ingram and Roberts, and Speegle Contracting in Birmingham, and at Good Hope Contracting in Cullman. He believed in honest work, taking care of his family, and living with integrity. Each year, he made it a priority to take his family on vacation, creating cherished memories that will be treasured for generations. More than anything, Allen was a devoted husband, loving father, proud grandfather, and faithful Christian. He was a longtime member of Johnson Grove Church in Brushy Pond. His faith guided his life, and he quietly demonstrated kindness, humility, and steadfast love to those around him. Allen was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lexie Hancock McSwain; his parents, Thurman and Perlie McSwain; his daughter, Donna Allred Pitt; his son, Jerry Allen McSwain; and his grandson, Randy Allred. He is survived by his loving daughter, Judy Baker (Randy); his grandchildren, Dale Allred (Kimberly), Ronnie Allred (Holly), Keisha McSwain Hurt, and Ross Allen Baker; and fourteen great-grandchildren: Cody Allred, Shay Todd, Kyle Allred, Jaci Baker, Rhett Baker, Cason Baker, Austin Allred, Addison Allred, Payton Allred, Hannah Allred, Mason Allred, Braxton Hurt, Carson Hurt, and Lexi Hurt. He is also survived by his cherished great-great-grandchildren: Finley Allred, Noella Allred, Athena Todd, Rylie Todd, Felix Allred, Everett Allred, Aria Allred, Reese Allred, and Blair Allred. Allen's legacy is one of faith, hard work, unwavering love for his family, and quiet strength. He was truly blessed with a long and meaningful life, and those who knew him will forever remember his gentle spirit, dependable character, and the example he set for future generations. The family rejoices in the promise of eternal life and the assurance that Allen is now at peace in the presence of his Savior. A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home on Friday, July 10, 2026, from noon-2 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Funeral Service at 2 p.m. The Graveside Committal Service will take place at Johnson's Grove Cemetery, 275 County Road 151, Bremen, AL 35033, following the funeral. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

James Wheeler 'Poppy' Daniel, 87
James Wheeler "Poppy" Daniel, age 87, passed away in July 2026. Born on June 22, 1939, he was the son of Thomas Levi Daniel and Callie Spratlin Daniel and was preceded in death by his parents. Raised on the family farm, James learned the value of hard work early in life. His family moved from the Woodland area of Randolph County to Cullman County, where he attended several county schools before graduating from West Point High School in 1959. After graduation, he moved to LaGrange, Georgia, where he worked in a grocery store and later served as produce department manager for Winn-Dixie. He met the love of his life, Norma Jean Zinsmeister, and they were married on Jan. 27, 1962, sharing more than 64 years together. In 1966, James fulfilled his dream of owning a grocery and general store in Woodland, Alabama. The following year, he and his family returned to Cullman County, where he owned and operated a grocery store in the West Point community until it was auctioned in 1977. He then began a 25-year career with Nicholson File, retiring in 2003. Retirement did not slow James down; he enjoyed flea markets, selling fresh produce at the Festhalle Market in Cullman, farming, and spending time on his beloved tractor. Some of his happiest moments were spent sitting on the front porch beside Norma. Known lovingly as "Poppy," he especially treasured his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, and his quiet strength, steady work ethic, kind spirit, and generous heart left a lasting impression on all who knew him. He is survived by his beloved wife of more than 64 years, Norma Jean Zinsmeister Daniel; his children, Craig Cynthia Daniel, Darion Kristi Daniel, and Gina Randall Akers; his grandchildren, Callie John DeFore, Jacob Jordan Daniel, Casey Westmoreland, and Matthew Daniel; his great-grandchildren, Sage Daniel and FinLey DeFore; and many extended family members, dear friends, and neighbors who will forever cherish his memory. A celebration of James' life will be held under the direction of Cullman Funeral Home. Visitation will be Thursday, July 9, 2026, from 5-8 p.m., and again on Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with funeral services Friday, at 2 p.m. He will be laid to rest at Mt. Carmel -Berlin Cemetery, 275 County Road 1615, Cullman, Alabama. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude for the many prayers, visits, calls and acts of kindness shown during this difficult time.

Jean Wynn, 97
Jean Wynn, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Monday, July 6. She is preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Arvel J Wynn, and her parents, Lonnie and Bell McGriff of Cullman County. She is survived by her two sons, Gary Wynn and Randy Wynn; three grandchildren, Tracy Wynn, Kristy Wynn and Lance Wynn; and five great grandchildren, Savannah, Rebecca, Abbie, Ellie, and Silas. She is also survived by her sister, Ellen Carroll, and her brother, Curtis "Sonny" McGriff. Jean was an Air Force wife who traveled with her husband Arvel to duty stations all over the US. She also accompanied Arvel on and extended assignment in the Philippines. They retired to their hometown Cullman after more than 40 years of military service. Jean was devoted to her family enjoyed spending time with her two brothers and two sisters. She was an attentive grandmother and often planned special time with them. She loved to baby sit small children and devoted many hours to them. Jean also loved gardening, as well as outdoor activities, such as pheasant hunting in South Dakota with her husband, sons and lifelong friends they made while stationed at Ellsworth AFB. Family often tell a particular story where Jean went hunting antelope in the South Dakota plains only to come home with a black eye after forgetting to tuck that gun securely on her shoulder before shooting at an antelope. Jean also had a reputation as a scary driver. You will have to ask her grandchildren for more details! Jean leaves a great deal of family and many friends. She will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, on July 11, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. The Funeral Service will follow at Moss-Service Funeral Home on July 11, 2026, from 11 a.m.-noon. Committal Service will be held at Cullman City Cemetery, Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, on July 11, 2026, from noon-12:45 p.m.

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