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Cullman residential water, sewer rates to decrease in fiscal 2027

Chasady Woods and Noah Galilee

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman residents using an average of 8,000 gallons of water per month are expected to save roughly $10 per month under the city's fiscal year 2027 water and sewer rates.

City officials said Cullman reviews its water and sewer rates annually based on operational needs, financial requirements, inflation, infrastructure needs and customer usage. For the upcoming fiscal year, residential water and sewer rates will decrease.

Commercial water rates will remain the same, while commercial sewer rates will be reduced. Industrial water and sewer rates will increase because of upcoming infrastructure improvements.

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2nd Fridays a celebration of America 250



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Teresa Trussell (left) and Nicholas Trussell (right) at 2nd Fridays in downtown Cullman on July 10, 2026

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CULLMAN, Ala. — 2nd Fridays was a celebration of America 250 on Friday, July 10 downtown. With 16 nonprofit sponsors, well over 50 vendors and 31 food trucks, festivalgoers had plenty to do. On the main stage were The Overtones, who covered a few different genres – from the 80s to the 2000s to some top hits from today. Justin Pace of local band Just In Case hosted a karaoke session for the crowd.

Heirlooms Fine & Performing Arts put on a small musical, singing popular songs from the movies "Wicked" and "Frozen." The Cullman dance team also put on a show, along with Cullman Ballet Theatre. And at the cruise-in stage you was Tim Chandler Music. There was even an event to test your American mettle with the Stars, Stripes and Smarts - America's 250th Trivia (only for the brave and daring).

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 13

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 13, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; **FTA** = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 9

- theft of property; Hwy. 278
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; 2nd Ave. SW
- assault; CR 1568

July 10

- harassment; Main St. NW Hanceville
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; Hwy. 278W
- menacing; harassment; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; Daniel Rd.

July 11

- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 5
- reckless endangerment; harassment; CR 1197
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1487
- domestic violence; CR 1344
- harassing communications; CR 762
- domestic violence; CR 386

July 12

- harassing communications; CR 538
- burglary; CR 702
- harassing communications; CR 109

ARRESTS

July 9-12

Anderson, Dedrick D.; 37
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500

Boulton, Terri L.; 29
- reckless endangerment

Brown, Erica N.; 37
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Givens, Malynda J.; 55
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Hall, James G.; 54
- FTA – organized retail theft

Haynes, Nathan E.; 29
- permitting livestock to run at large

Henry, Devin S.; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Holcomb, Anita L.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Jelinek, Eric V.; 48
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jelinek, Levy V.; 27
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- obstruction-governmental operations

Loggins, Ashley D.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Morgan, Jr., Christopher A.; 28
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Parks, Kyle D.; 32
- public intoxication

Phelps, Christy M.; 43
- possession of dangerous drugs
- criminal trespass
- attempting to elude a police officer
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Sandlin, Rana M.; 50
- fraud-impersonating peace officer

Tackett, Erin K.; 25
- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Vinson, Naaman M.; 40
- DUI (alcohol)

Waldrop, Joshua N.; 47
- assault-harassment

Weaver, Jennifer N.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

Wilson, Tristin A.; 19
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Winn, Chris L.; 38
- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon

Wynn, Danny B.; 55
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic violence - strangulation or suffocation

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 10
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; trimmer; $550; Hwy. 157
- harassment; person; Compass Way SW

July 11
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $128; Olive St. SW

July 12
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Ward Ave. SW

ARRESTS

July 10-12

Sellers, Mitchell N.; 47
- public intoxication
- stalking-2nd degree

Carter, Jonathan C.; 43
- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Lurie, Eugene; 34
- reckless endangerment

Lurie, Pamela D.; 38
- reckless endangerment

Tradio, Daniel N.; 25
- FTA – driving while suspended

Curvin, Meshach J.; 30
- criminal mischief-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – attempt to elude
- FTA – assault-3rd degree
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA – criminal mischief-3rd degree
- FTA – resist arrest
- FTA – driving without license
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – insurance violation

Cannady, Owen K.; 19
- minor in possession/consumption of alcohol

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

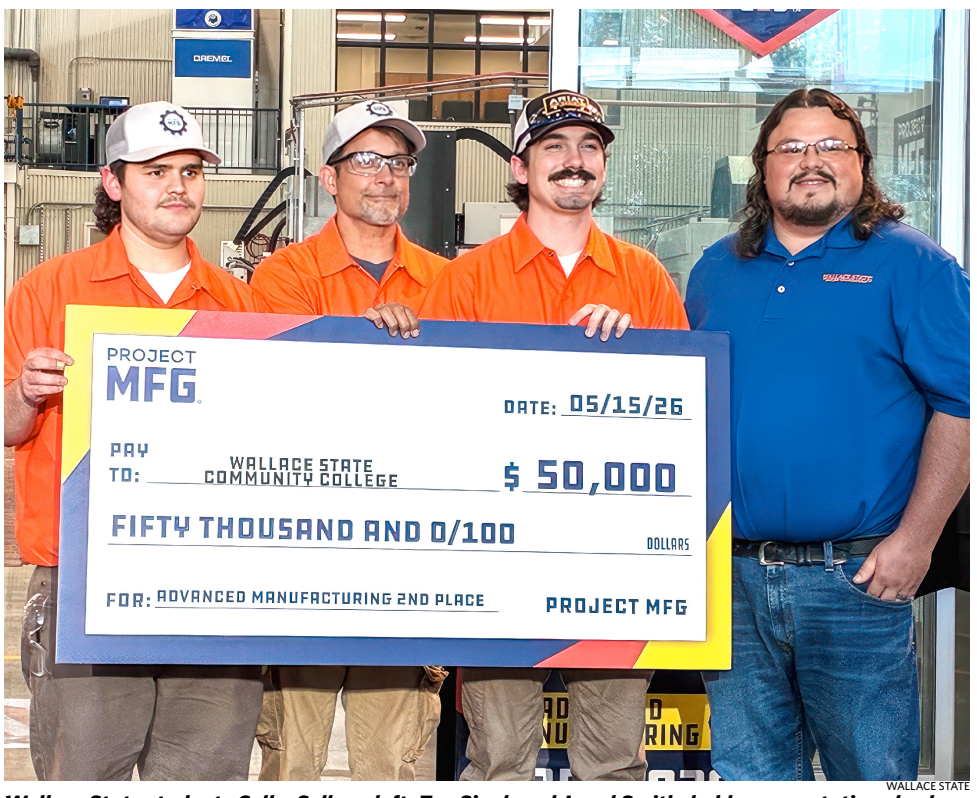
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WALLACE STATE

Wallace State students Colbe Sellers, left, Zac Singh and Jared Smith, hold a presentation check for $50,000 as Machine Tool Technology Department Chair Justin Burnett looks on. The Wallace State team placed second in the Project MFG Advanced Manufacturing National Championship.

WSCC wins $50K as runner-up in Project MFG National Advanced Manufacturing Championship

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Machine Tool Technology program won $50,000 as runner-up in the Project MFG Advanced Manufacturing National Championship. Students Zac Singh, Jared Smith and Colbe Sellers will split half of the winnings, with the remaining amount going to the WSCC Machine Tool Technology program.

"Finishing second place nationally is a tremendous accomplishment. The competition featured some of the best student machining teams in the country, and our students proved they can compete at that level," said Justin Burnett, Machine Tool Technology Department chair. "As for next year, this result has only motivated us further. We plan to build on what we learned this year, continue strengthening our training process and return with the goal of competing for the national championship. The experience gained by this team will also help mentor and prepare future students who want to compete."

Project MFG was created to elevate the next generation of highly skilled trade professionals in automation, robotics and advanced manufacturing technology. They host several tournament-style competitions across the country to demonstrate new talent and test students' ability to think critically, manage resources and show their skills in their respective manufacturing technologies. Winners have the opportunity to win money, scholarships and prizes. Many students also walk away from competitions with job offers.

"Watching the students prepare and compete was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had as an instructor," added Burnett. "The pressure is intense, and every decision matters. I was proud to see our team stay focused, communicate well and support each other throughout the event. They represented Wallace State Community College exceptionally well and truly showed up and showed out."

Singh, of Cullman, praised Project MFG for giving him the opportunity to take the skills learned in school and apply them in a high-level competition against other students from across the country. The students were tested like nothing they had ever experienced.

Smith, of Falkville, credited their success to the team's ability to push through when the pressure got tight.

The opportunity gave students, like Sellers of Logan, an experience that pushed them out of their comfort zones. Sellers said, "(Project MFG) made me a better machinist."

"I could not be more proud of our students and Instructor Justin Burnett. Earning second place in a national competition against some of the best machining programs in the country is an outstanding accomplishment and reflects the quality of instruction and commitment to excellence within our Machine Tool Technology program," said Jerry Murcks, dean of applied technologies. "This achievement demonstrates that Wallace State students are not only workforce-ready but are capable of competing — and succeeding — on a national stage. Congratulations to our students, faculty and everyone who has supported the continued growth of this exceptional program."

City of Cullman Planning Commission notes: July 7

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Planning Commission met on Tuesday, July 7, for its monthly meeting. The commissioners approved the minutes of the previous meeting and went on to public hearings.

The Link of Cullman County's conditional use request at 117 Second Ave. NE to relocate, was withdrawn from the agenda.

The following public hearing items were approved:
- Short form subdivision – County Road 1473 – divide one parcel into two parcels
- Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 62 Section 38 – walls and fences
- Short form subdivision – 20 County Road 499 – move property line
- Preliminary subdivision – Brock Trace Subdivision – County Road 1464 and County Road 1466

The public hearings were closed and no one spoke in opposition.

Commissioners went on to address the following subdivision requests:
- Short form subdivision – County Road 1473 – divide one parcel into two parcels
- Final plat – Maple Grove Subdivision (off Highway 157 NE & Warnke Way NE) – 35 lots
- Short form subdivision – 20 County Road 499 – move property line
- Preliminary subdivision – Brock Trace Subdivision – County Road 1464 and County Road 1466

All items were approved.

The Commission also addressed the following proposed site plan:
- Premier Bank of the South – Second Avenue Northwest / First Avenue Northwest

Commissioners approved the proposed site plan, with contingencies.

A few miscellaneous items on the agenda consisted of a conditional use request at 117 Second Ave. NE for the relocation of The Link, which was withdrawn.

The Commission made a favorable recommendation for the annexation request at 1811 County Road 1301 as well as an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 62 Section 38 – walls and fences. This was addressed by the Cullman City Council at their meeting on Monday, June 15, 2026.

The council set a public hearing for this item for July 20, 2026, at the city hall auditorium at 7 p.m. to amend the zoning ordinance section 62-38.

Please visit www.cullmantribune.com/2026/06/18/cullman-city-council-sets-public-hearing-for-possible-new-fencing-ordinance/ for more information regarding the ordinance.

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Improvements (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Infrastructure improvements are moving forward on Logan Street Southwest, with additional work planned on Sixth Street Southwest and Austin Avenue Southwest.

City officials said the Logan Street Southwest project will include replacement of an 8-inch sanitary sewer main, replacement of a 10-inch cast iron water main, upgrades to ADA-accessible ramps, stormwater improvements and street resurfacing.

Sixth Street Southwest and Austin Avenue Southwest will receive limited replacement of the 8-inch sanitary sewer main.

Preliminary work has already begun. The full project will begin once needed materials are received. The projected completion date is March 2027.

City officials said residents should expect some disruptions during construction, as with any rehabilitation project. Those could include traffic disruptions, utility interruptions, service impacts, road closures or temporary limits to driveway access.

The city said road closures and driveway access issues will be kept to a minimum and communicated beforehand.

Affected residents will be notified through the City of Cullman Alert System and social media alerts as needed. City officials said residents are encouraged to sign up for city alerts to stay informed about street closings, repairs and other community notices.

The Cullman City Council awarded a $53,605.05 bid to Foley Products Company for the project. Foley Products will supply the new sanitary sewer manholes.

City crews will perform the construction work using city labor and equipment. Contractors and vendors will be used for specific materials or bid items.

The project is supported by a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant and a $288,767.75 local match.

City officials said the grant funding and local match will be used to purchase construction materials and support in-kind labor and equipment costs.

According to the city, it has authorization to begin work. With the award of the sewer manhole bid, all needed bids are complete.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

The Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, July 15 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, July 17 – Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, July 18 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, July 19 – 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.

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.

West Point Class of 1967 Class Reunion
Saturday, July 25, at 4 p.m. at the West Point Brandin Iron. Hope to see you there.

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





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Cold Springs escapes Addison to win 7v7 tournament at Lynn

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LYNN, Ala. — Shots from Cold Springs and Addison's trip to Lynn for a 7v7 tournament on Friday. The Eagles and Bulldogs faced off in the final game, and Cold Springs escaped with a last-second stop of the Bulldogs at the goal line for the win.



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Around the world of sports: July 14, 2026

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- The 2026 FIFA World Cup semifinals are set to begin Tuesday, with France and Spain facing off at 2 p.m., and Argentina and England playing on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The winner of both games will play for the World Cup Trophy on Sunday July 19 at 2 p.m.
- The 2026 MLB All Star game will be played Tuesday night at 7p.m. The "Midsummer Classic," played in Philadelphia this year, is headlined by superstars Shohei Ohtani, Bobby Witt Jr. and Paul Skenes, among others.
- The Chicago White Sox selected UCLA shortstop Roch Cholowsky first overall in the 2026 MLB Draft on Saturday. Already a polished prospect, Cholowsky could see time in Birmingham, the White Sox Double-A affiliate, sooner rather than later.



FRANCE MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

France's Kylian Mbappé celebrating after the French took a 2-0 win over Morocco in quarterfinals.



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Handmade quilt made by Cathy Boehme

Event (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Unsheltered International held its annual Dinner & Charity Auction on Friday, July 10, at The Venue at Cotton Creek.

Unsheltered International is a nonprofit organization that offers solace to those who experience homelessness in the community. While its main focus is housing individuals, it also aims to encourage discipleship and stability.

In the April 2026 issue of The Cullman Tribune's Community Matters magazine, President and Executive Director Dr. Travis Sharpe told The Tribune, "We truly want them to stay with us for as long as they will. The entry process gives them time to decide if they want to commit for one to three years."

Unsheltered International provides a three-phase program that takes participants through stabilization, ministry, self-discipline and workforce consistency. This can extend to 36 months, though each phase provides a different variable.

Sharpe noted, "The whole point of our ministry is to reach people with the gospel and make disciples. If we can't do that we've missed our mark. It's about Christ."

The charity auction included dinner, a silent auction and a specialty cake auction.

The silent auction included several paintings, wooden windchimes, a dining table and even outdoor appliances.

A handmade quilt made by Cathy Boehme was displayed toward the auction stage. Sharpe mentioned at a previous charity auction a similar quilt went for $2,500.

Boehme's quilt had an embroidered note on an inside corner on the quilt that read, "Unsheltered International 2026 - Pieced & Quilted in Cullman, AL."

Sharpe also explained that a lot of items in the silent auction were donated by those in Unsheltered International, but also partners of the nonprofit.

"This is one of our two fundraisers that we have every year. We have one in March that is a different style fundraised. Then, of course, we have this one in the summer," he stated. "It's always a lot of fun. Everyone loves it and we all have a good time."

When asked if specific people made the cake that would be auctioned off later in the evening Sharpe advised, "We have 21 cakes made by different people."

Of the cakes displayed were a "Key Lime Cake" by EXIT Realty's Leisa Van Gundy with lime garnish. A descriptor card described the treat: A dessert that features the distinct tartness of lime, combined with a sweet, moist cake base."

A "German Chocolate Cake" made by Lana Byrd was also displayed among many other noteworthy goods.

Sharpe added, "It's a great way to get people together and enjoy fellowship."

Unsheltered International wrote the following on its Facebook page, "Thank you Jesus for a wonderful fundraiser Friday night. Our guests showed up and blessed this ministry greatly and we are so thankful to each and every one of you!"

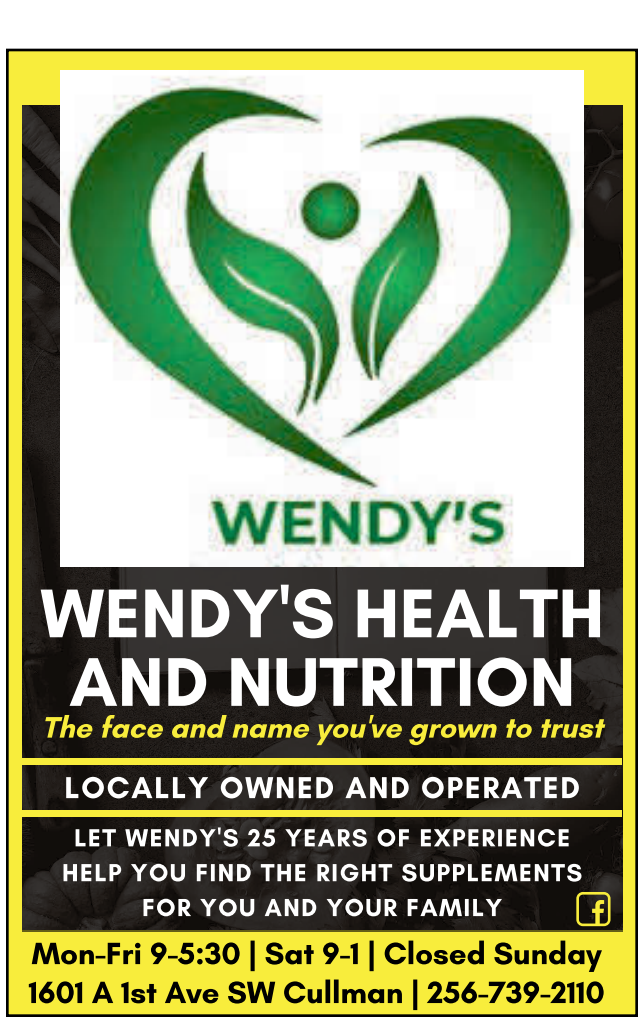
They reported that while they are still processing donations, the projected total raised is totaling around $60,000.

"God is amazing!" it added.

To inquire about serving in Unsheltered International, contact the Ministry Center at 256-615-6024.

The Unsheltered International Ministry Center is located at 479 County Road 827, Cullman.

Find out more at www.unsheltered.org.





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Beef
Boneless
$6.49 LB.



TENDERLOIN STEAKS
Beef
$22.99 LB.



WHOLE CHICKEN WINGS
Fresh
Family Pack
$2.49 LB.



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Previously
Frozen
$1.99 LB.



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8-9 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



BRYAN BACON
12 Oz.
Regular or Thick
2 for $7



ECKRICH SMOKED SAUSAGE
13-14 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$3.29 EA.



GWALTNEY BOLOGNA
1 Lb. Traditional
or Thick
2 for $4



DEAN'S SAUSAGE BISCUITS
20 Ct. Regular
or Buttermilk
$7.99 EA.



ATHENA CANTALOUPES
Southern
Grown
$3.99 EA.



ALABAMA TOMATOES
Chandler
Mountain
$1.59 LB.



DOLE FRESH SALADS
9.5-12 Oz. Bag Greener
Selection or Classic Romaine
$1.99 EA.



WASHINGTON STATE CHERRIES
Large
Sweet
$4.99 LB.



ZUCCHINI OR YELLOW SQUASH
Georgia
Grown
$1.69 LB.



FOOD CLUB SOUR CREAM
16 Oz.
Original
2 for $4



INTERNATIONAL DELIGHT COFFEE CREAMER
32 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7



SILK ALMOND MILK
64 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6



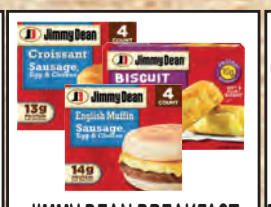
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TOTINO'S PIZZA ROLLS
24 Oz. Selected Varieties
$4.99 ea. -50¢ off =
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9-11 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



JIMMY DEAN BREAKFAST SANDWICHES OR ROLL-UPS
4-8 Ct., 12-18 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$5.99 EA.



TYSON CHICKEN OR ANY'TIZERS
20-26 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$7.99 EA.



FOOD CLUB JELLY OR JAM
18 Oz. Concord Grape
or Apple Jelly
2 for $4



FOOD CLUB PEANUT BUTTER
16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



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16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



FOOD CLUB BAKED BEANS
28 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



FOOD CLUB SKILLET CLASSICS
5-8 Oz.
Selected Varieties
4 for $5



FOOD CLUB MUSTARD
20 Oz.
2 for $3



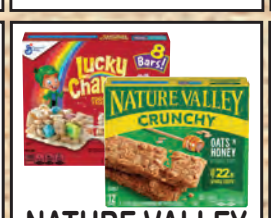
FOOD CLUB VINEGAR
Gallon
White
$2.99 EA.



FOOD CLUB SLOPPY JOE SAUCE
15 Oz.
99¢ EA.



FOOD CLUB DRIED BEANS
1 Lb. Bag
Selected Varieties
99¢ EA.



NATURE VALLEY GRANOLA BARS
or General Mills Cereal Bars 5-8.9 Oz. Selected Varieties
$2.50 ea. -50¢ off =
$2.00 EA.
w/Digital Coupon Applied
• ON ONE ITEM •



PRINGLES PARTY STACK
6-7 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



CRAV'N FLAVOR POTATO CHIPS
7-9 Oz. or Tortilla Chips
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



ACT II POPCORN
6-12 Pk.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6



GREEN GIANT STEAM CRISP CORN
11 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $3



FOOD CLUB HEARTY SOUP
18-19 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $3



OLD EL PASO DINNER KITS
8-12 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6



COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR MELLO YELLO
6 Pk.
.5 Liter Bottles
3 for $13

COCA-COLA, SPRITE OR MELLO YELLO
10 Pk.
7.5 Oz. Mini Cans
2 for $12

DASANI WATER
24 Pk.
.5 Liter Bottles
$6.49 EA.

POWERADE SPORTS DRINK
28 Oz.
Bottle
5 for $5

BODYARMOR SPORTS DRINKS
8 Pk.
12 Oz. Bottles
$6.99 EA.

RUFFLES POTATO CHIPS
5.5-10.25 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7

FRITO LAY DORITOS
6-10.75 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7

GOLDEN FLAKE, UTZ OR ZAPP'S CHIPS
7-8 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5

LEWIS BAKE SHOP SANDWICH BREAD
20 Oz. Loaf White
or Honey Wheat
2 for $5

LITTLE DEBBIE OLD FASHIONED DONUTS
15.43 Oz. Big Pack
Original or Chocolate
2 for $9

SUNBELT GRANOLA OR SOFT BAKED BARS
7.61-11 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6

BLUE BELL ICE CREAM
Half Gallon
Selected Varieties
$6.99 EA.

COORS LIGHT OR MILLER LITE
12 Pk.
Cans or Bottles
$13.49 EA.

MICHELOB ULTRA OR ULTRA ZERO
12 Pk.
Cans or Bottles
$16.99 EA.

SUTTER HOME WINE
750 mL
$5.99 EA.

FRANZIA WINE
5 Liter Box
$20.99 EA.

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KENTUCKIAN GOLD ROAST BEEF
Deli
Sliced
$14.99 LB.

KENTUCKIAN GOLD CAJUN TURKEY
Deli
Sliced
$15.99 LB.

KENTUCKIAN GOLD BROWN SUGAR HAM
Deli
Sliced
$7.99 LB.

GOLDMINER BAKERY SOURDOUGH BREAD
24 Oz.
Loaf
$4.29 EA.

CELEBRATION CAKE
Leonard's
28 Oz.
$13.99 EA.

Agriplex hosts Edible Flowers Lunch & Learn

Emily McMunn
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex last week hosted its monthly Lunch & Learn. This one was titled "Edible Flowers: Growing, Harvesting Cooking" and was led by Mae Jefferson and Taylor McHan.

The class went over some valuable points, such as safety, best practices and culinary uses and value.

The audience learned that it's best to avoid picking flowers close to roadways due to many municipalities spraying pesticides – as well as the worry of exhaust fumes. Those looking to harvest wild flowers are encouraged to forage in fields or in forests next to waterways. Jefferson and McHan reminded the audience to always ask for permission if wandering onto property.

It's also important to remember that if you're picking native plants to only harvest what you need, they said; we want our native plants to be able to seed and regrow in later years. Local native flowers include violets, dandelions and wild roses.

Invasive flowers are another story, they said; feel free to take as much as you like. Invasive flowers are honeysuckle, mimosa flowers (or Persian Silk Tree) and kudzu flowers.

The best time to harvest flowers is morning, after flowers wake and dew has mostly dried. Be sure to handle them with care, as to not bruise them. Remember to tap buds gently in the field to remove tiny insects and debris. Once you've harvested your flowers and have taken care of them, you can use a bowl of cold water to gently swirl the delicate blossoms. Gently lift and place them on a paper towel to lightly press them dry. It's best not to leave the petals wet.

For storing them there are a few different methods. For a short storage time, they said, you can place the petals in airtight containers and place them in the freezer for one to three days. For long-term preservation, McHan said to dehydrate your flowers in the oven on parchment paper – or if you're fortunate enough to have a dehydrator available that would be the best options. Well-dried petals can last for about a year if stored correctly.



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Mae Jefferson(left) and Taylor McHan(right)



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Simple syrups made by Mae Jefferson and Taylor McHan

Jefferson told the crowd about different uses ranging from syrups, mocktails, compound butters, salads and more. McHan and Jefferson were even kind enough to take the time to prepare freshly baked bread, lavender honey butter and many jellies and syrups for the audience to try.

Those who cannot forage wildflowers themselves were encouraged to visit www.frontiercoop.com for a good many herbal needs.

Reporter's note: *After trying the honeysuckle mimosa syrup I can say that I personally have been encouraged to take a long walk in nature to appreciate all that our Earth has to offer.*



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Participants learn about growing, harvesting and cooking edible flowers.



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Sampling freshly baked bread and lavender honey butter





Line (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman is preparing to replace approximately 9,100 linear feet of its 30-inch primary water transmission pipeline, a nearly 60-year-old line that serves Cullman city water customers and several wholesale systems.

City officials said the existing line has exceeded its useful service life. The age of the line and the material it was built with are the main reasons replacement is needed.

"As with any aged infrastructure, failures and breaks are becoming increasingly common and the material for this pipeline requires custom fittings which significantly delays repairs," the city said.

The transmission line serves all City of Cullman water customers, as well as wholesale customers including Cullman County, VAW, East Cullman, Johnson's Crossing and Walter. The estimated population served is almost 95,000.

City officials said any downtime or interruption involving the line could be detrimental to the water supply.

The City of Cullman's water distribution system has an agreement with the Cullman Utilities Board for the purchase of potable water from its water treatment plant. The treatment plant was constructed in 1966.

From the clear wells at the treatment plant, high-service pumps convey finished water to the City of Cullman's distribution system through metered connections.

The existing 30-inch pipeline runs from the southwest corner of the treatment plant property and remains the primary means of conveyance to Cullman and its wholesale customers through connections to other systems.

Since the original construction, an alternate 24-inch transmission pipeline has been built to serve the northern region of the city's distribution system. However, the original 30-inch line remains the primary transmission line.

In fiscal year 2021, approximately 57% of the purchased water from the Cullman Utilities Board was conveyed through the existing 30-inch pipeline, according to the city.

The existing pipeline is made of rolled and welded steel pipe. City officials said that material was used for water distribution pipelines before ductile iron pipe became common and was once preferred for its ductility and yield strength.

However, officials said thin-walled rolled and welded steel pipe is subject to fractures resulting from fabrication and assembly flaws, including strain aging from cold rolling and weld cracks at joints and seams. Those issues can make identifying defects during leak repairs more difficult.

The project scope includes replacing approximately 9,100 linear feet of 30-inch transmission pipeline from the water treatment plant.

An existing 24-inch distribution pipeline runs south along Second Avenue Southeast, while an existing 16-inch distribution pipeline runs along First Avenue Southeast. The proposed transmission pipeline will include isolated connections to the distribution system at those locations.

City officials clarified that the construction project itself is not phased. Instead, the financing is being phased.

The Cullman City Council recently held a first reading for a $5.09 million State Revolving Fund loan through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management for the project. The low-interest, fixed-rate loan will be repaid from the water fund through water rates.

The tentative construction timeline is April 2027 through June 2028.

Residents and motorists should expect some disruptions during construction, especially on Fourth Avenue Southeast and connecting roads.

The city said construction updates, traffic impacts and water service notices will be communicated through the City of Cullman Alert System and social media as information becomes available.

Rates (from Front)

houses to better reflect that category of water usage.

According to the city, the largest driver of rate changes is usage volume. Other factors include rising costs for labor, materials, chemicals and fuel, along with infrastructure replacement, upgrades and expansion.

The adopted rates support day-to-day operations, smaller infrastructure improvements and debt service payments on larger infrastructure projects. Larger projects are typically financed through low-cost State Revolving Fund loans through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

City officials said the water and sewer rates are designed to produce enough revenue to fund operations, make necessary capital improvements, serve community needs and maintain water quality standards required by ADEM.

The city's water and sewer rate structure includes a base charge and a per-1,000-gallon usage charge.

The base charge is the fixed monthly amount each customer pays to help cover the cost of maintaining the water and sewer system.

The per-1,000-gallon charge is based on actual usage, meaning that portion of a bill increases or decreases depending on how much water a customer uses.

The city said the $10 base charge was established in 2018 to help reduce the burden on customers with lower water usage, including many elderly customers and others on fixed monthly incomes.

Under the previous billing method, a customer using 1,000 gallons would have paid $105.80, compared to $46 under the current method, according to the city.

Cullman's rate ordinances also continue to include a 3% or Consumer Price Index inflation adjustment. City officials said the adjustment can be waived by the Cullman City Council through a resolution if it is determined to be unnecessary.

That would include situations where current rates are sufficient to cover expenditures and needed infrastructure improvements. If customer growth and usage volume increase enough to support the system, rate increases may not be needed.

Sanitation rates will also change in fiscal year 2027.

The city said the residential trash rate will decrease by 42 cents per month. The major sanitation change is a new $10 monthly residential recycling rate.

Residential recycling will be optional. Residents who want the service in fiscal year 2027 will have to sign up and request it.

Free residential recycling drop-off will remain available at the city's recycling center, located at 925 Convent Road NE.

City officials said sanitation costs are reviewed annually based on labor, benefits, repairs, maintenance, disposal, capital equipment, equipment costs and the number of customers.

Equipment costs have continued to increase significantly each year, according to the city.

Sanitation charges support residential trash service, residential recycling, street sweeping, mosquito spraying, brush and limb removal, the household hazardous waste collection event, the annual spring cleanup event and industrial and commercial services.

Commercial and industrial customers with dumpsters or roll-off service will see an average increase of 3%.

The city said the 3% or CPI inflation adjustment for sanitation was based on years of data showing the average annual cost increase was about 3%. The council can waive that adjustment if it is not needed.

City officials said Cullman has waived the automatic residential sanitation adjustment several times in past years. Fiscal year 2027 includes an actual reduction in the residential sanitation rate.

Customers who believe their water or sewer bill is incorrect, or who have a leak, pool-fill adjustment or other account-specific issue, may contact the Cullman Water Department at 256-775-7210.

Customers with sanitation billing questions may contact the Utilities Billing Department at 256-775-7107 or utilitiesbilling@cullmanal.gov.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF: JARED LEE CURL & JAMIE ANN CURL — **CASE NUMBER: AD2025-046**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PETITION

TO: PAUL A. JOHNSON, ALLEDGED FATHER AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.G.V.J., BORN JULY 25, 2020 TO TIFFANY DANIELLE WOODFIN
TIFFANY DANIELLE WOODFIN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A MINOR CHILD J.G.V.J., BORN JULY 25, 2020

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Jared Lee Curl and Jamie Ann Curl, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, 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 are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 200 2nd Avenue S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE this 26th day of June 2026.

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

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-246-9600

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ESTATE OF WILLIAM GLENN HIPP
AMBER NICOLE JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MARKS VIRGINA HIPP
HIPP SHANNON
HIPP JOEY
HIPP ONECIE ET AL,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2023-900045.00

FILED IN OFFICE
JUN 30 2026
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order in the above-styled cause rendered by the Honorable Emily N. Johnson, Circuit Judge, on the 9th day of June, 2026, I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of the Cullman County, Alabama Circuit Court, shall on the 6th day of August, 2026 2:00 pm, proceed to sell at public auction the following described real estate on the front steps of the Cullman County, Alabama Courthouse at 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama for cash to the best, highest and last bidder:

Beginning at the intersection of he North line of SE 1/4 of NE 1/ 4 Section 13, T10S, R1W and the Westerly line of a public road. Thence N87 °-50' W° along the South boundary of a road or drive and a fence 360 feet/ Thence along a fence 360 feet. Thence along a fence and accepted property line S15°- 00'W 100 feet and S22°-00'W 215 feet to a point. Thence N89°-12'E 354 feet, more or less, to the Westerly boundary of a public road. Thence N20°-00'E along said boundary 295 feet to the point of beginning. Said land being in the SE 1/ 4 of NE 1/ 4, Section 13, T10S, R1W, Cullman County, Alabama and being 2.3 acres, more or less.

AND

The Northwest part of the Northwest 1/ 4 of the Northwest 1/ 4 of Section 14 and North part of Northeast 1/ 4 of the Northeast 1/ 4 of Section 15, all in Township 10, Range 1 East and more particularly described as follows to wit: Commencing where the public road running by the former residence of Levi W. Hipp and H.Q. Smith leave the Summit and Blountsville public road; thence running West along the center of said road to where the line between Section 10 and 15 leave said road: thence running West with said line to the Northwest corner of the Northeast 1/ 4 of the Northeast 1/ 4 of Section 15 thence South to the land formerly owned by S. O. Hearn; thence East by South with the Northern boundary line of he said S.O. Hearn land to the said Blountsville and Summit public road; thence North with the center of said road to the beginning point, known as the Levi W. Hipp land where he died, and all of said land lying and being in Blount County, Alabama.

Done this 30th day of June, 2026

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Court Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GEORGE CARROLL COLE, Deceased. — CASE NO PC 2026-091

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED MOTION TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY and MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: AMANDA COLE, BROOKELYN COLE and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF GEORGE CARROLL COLE

Verified Motion to Sell Personal Property, filed by Deborah Kay Cole Busby, Administratrix, through Attorney Shay Persall, and *Motion for Service by Publication* filed by Shay Persall, Attorney, has been scheduled for the **22nd day of September, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 26th day of June, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE ESTATE OF: LINDAN JEROME HILL, Deceased. — CASE NO. PC2025-263

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted ASHLEY HILL, as Administrator of the Estate of LINDAN JEROME HILL, deceased, on the 26th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 26th day of June, 2026.

Ashley Hill
Administrator

Dean R. Smith
Smith & Kilgo Law, LLC
421 Third Avenue SE
Post Office Box 156
Cullman, AL 35056

TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

. FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given

that LED SOLUTIONS, LLC (*Contractor Company Name*)
Contractor, has completed the Contract for ☐(Construction) ☐(Renovation) ☐(Alteration) ☐(Equipment) ☒(Improvement) of (*Name of Project*):
WEST POINT HIGH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LIGHTING INSTALLATION

at WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL
(*Insert location data in County or City*)
for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of CULLMAN COUNTY,
Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify
CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS
402 ARNOLD STREET NE
~~CULLMAN, AL 35055~~
ATTN: WESLEY LANEY (*Architect / Engineer*)

LED SOLUTIONS, LLC
(Contractor)

1809 McCAIN PKWY
PELHAM, AL 35124
(Business Address)

PURSUANT TO ALABAMA CODE 32-13-1, EARLS BODY SHOP INC. WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ON SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION THE VOLLOWING VEHICLES :

DATE 09/08/2026
TIME 7:00: AM
LOCATION: 2251 DECATUR AVE NW
CULLMAN AL 35058

2006	NISSAN	EXTERRA X	5N1AN08U96C551205
2015	HUUNDAI	ACCENT GLS	KMHCT4AE2FU793014
2026	HYUNDAI	SANTA FE	5NMP54G16TH113106
2004	CHEV	AVEO	KL1TD526X4B233854
2001	CHEV	SILVERADO	2GCEK19T511363435
2005	VOLVO	XC90	YV1CY592751139254

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of JOHN THRASHER, Deceased. — CASE NUMBER: PC2026-175

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to SHEILA WHITLOCK, as the Executor on this 30th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

SARA DOTY,
Attorney for The Estate of John Thrasher

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BILLY JAMES SMITH, Deceased. — CASE NO.: PC 2025-377

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ASHLEY MARIE FULENWIDER SMITH as Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLY JAMES SMITH, deceased, on the 29th day of June, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Ashley Marie Fulenwider Smith
Personal Representative

Andrew M. Herren
Attorney for Petitioner
Lowry, Herren & Cline
409 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

Tomato (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Think you have the best tomatoes in Cullman County? Here's your chance to prove it. The fourth annual Cullman County Tomato Taste-Off will take place Saturday, July 18, at 10 a.m. at the Festhalle Farmers Market.

Hosted by the Cullman County Extension Office, the free event features three contest categories: Best Tasting Cherry Tomato, Best Tasting Slicing Tomato and Heaviest Slicing Tomato.

The competition is open to both youth and adults, with prizes awarded to first-place winners in each category.

Participants must bring tomatoes they have grown themselves, whether from a home garden or farm.

Those entering the tasting contests should bring five cherry tomatoes and one slicing tomato.

Contestants may enter each category once, with no pre-registration required.

In addition to the competition, members of the Cullman County Extension Master Gardeners will be available throughout the event to answer questions and provide information about growing tomatoes.

Young visitors can also stop by the Power of Produce (POP) table, where a tomato-themed snack will be available.

"Tomatoes are a staple of home gardens and local farms," Cullman County Extension Director Dr. Kira Sims.

"Many people are proud of the varieties they grow and how good they taste, so we want to provide an opportunity to highlight those growers and their favorite varieties."

She added, "We share the winners and their winning tomatoes so others can try them in their own gardens."

For more information, contact the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386 or Dr. Kira Sims at kira.sims@auburn.edu.

The Festhalle Farmers Market is located at 209 First Ave. NE in Cullman.

Bennett (from Front)

Chasady Woods
chasady@cullmantribune.com

"Cary has been laid to rest, but his legacy of kindness remains!"

Cullman resident and business owner Stephen Skinner wrote about the late Dr. Cary Bennett.

Bennett was a beloved chiropractor in Cullman, parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and longtime Cullman resident.

He was widely known for his generosity and kind demeanor, but he was many things. He was a friend, brother, a son, husband and father. He also played a profound role as a neighbor.

Bennett passed away Friday, June 26, 2026.

Sanitation ran in his neighborhood on Wednesday mornings.

On Wednesday, July 1, Skinner wrote, "This morning will be one of the very few Wednesday mornings of the past almost 20 years that mom will wake up and her garbage can will not already be taken back up to their garage."

Stephen's parents, Frank and Jeanenne Skinner, were neighbors to Cary Bennett and his wife. He brought their trash can up for them every single week without fail and regardless of the weather.

"And not only that, when dad still got the newspaper, he would find it lying by the front door any morning it was delivered. Cary also did that every single time."

Skinner's father, Frank, passed away a few years back. He had severe rheumatoid arthritis and simple chores were not easy. One of which was bringing the trash can back from the curb.

"My father was of the generation of men too proud to ask someone for help," Skinner went on. "Cary just saw that and did that out of pure kindness!"

On Wednesday, July 8, someone took it upon themselves to follow in Bennett's footsteps.

Mrs. Skinner's trash can was brought back up after the sanitation route was completed.

"Thank you, whoever you are, who has brought my mom's garbage can up to her garage the last two weeks! Cullman, Alabama is one special place! We are so thankful God has let us live here!" Stephen Skinner wrote.

He quoted Matthew 22:39 (ESV) "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

"Since I heard the devastating news about his passing, I have earnestly prayed for God to give me just a fraction of Cary's kindness! He truly lived out that commandment above from Jesus, and he forever made an impact on our family! Well done, Cary! Thank you for being an unbelievable neighbor!"



STEPHEN SKINNER

Jeanenne Skinner's garbage can in its spot by her home

Citizens Academy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department hosted its first-ever Citizens Academy on Saturday, July 11.

Police Chief Joey Duncan said the Academy gives participants an opportunity to learn more about the department and gain a better understanding of the work involved in serving the community.

"The day-long academy provided participants with an inside look at several areas of law enforcement, including Alabama case law, criminal investigations, patrol operations, juvenile procedures and specialized functions within the department," Duncan said.

Duncan said the participants also took part in hands-on activities and scenarios designed to show the challenges officers face and the decisions that must be made in a matter of seconds while serving the public.

"District Attorney Champ Crocker and Juvenile Probation Director Kay Bell joined Cullman Police Department personnel as instructors for the academy, sharing their experience and knowledge with participants," he said. "The purpose of the academy was to strengthen the relationship between the department and the citizens it serves. Policing is a partnership, and we believe it is important for our community to understand what we do and why we do it."

Duncan thanked the officers who helped make the first academy a success.

"This gave citizens a chance to see the training, preparation and dedication that goes into this profession every day," he said. "It also gave us an opportunity to spend time with our community and hear their questions and concerns. I'm proud of the members of the Cullman Police Department who took the time to share their knowledge and experiences, Their commitment to serving this community goes far beyond answering calls for service."



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The department plans to host future Citizens Academies in the coming months.

Obituary Announcements: July 11-13

Robert Owen Pace, 86
Robert Owen Pace, 86, of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of faith, hard work and devotion to his family. Funeral service will be Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens, Dr. John Richter officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m. Robert dedicated 42 years of his career to A&P Grocery, where he faithfully served his customers and coworkers. For 25 of those years, he worked as a supervisor, earning the respect of those around him through his leadership, integrity, and strong work ethic. A devoted Christian, Robert was a faithful member of Lakeside Baptist Church. His love for God was evident in the way he lived each day. He found great joy in studying Scripture and took pride in reading his Bible through, continually seeking to grow in his faith and understanding of God's Word. Robert had a deep appreciation for God's creation and loved spending time outdoors. Whether he was tending his garden, working in his yard, or firing up the grill for family and friends, he found happiness in simple moments and sharing them with those he loved. Barbecuing and grilling became more than hobbies—they were expressions of his hospitality and love for bringing people together. He was preceded in death by his parents, Owen S. Pace and Martha Pauline Willmarth Pace; an infant daughter, Amy Pace and his sister, Charlotte Seiger. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Marie Pace; daughters, Shannon (Steve) Slemmons, Sloan (Stephen) Dickinson; brother, Phillip (Kathy) Pace; brother-in-law, Chuck Seiger; grandchildren, Nick (Emily) Baugh, Alex Baugh, Sarah (Jack) Rhodes, Sophie Slemmons (fiance', Wesley Tarrant); great-grandchildren, Joy Baugh, Alexis Baugh, Lelle Rhodes; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Above all, Robert cherished his family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making donations to Oak Mountain Missions Ministry, 2699 Pelham Parkway, Pelham, AL 35214. He will also be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, which brought smiles and laughter to countless gatherings and brightened the lives of everyone who knew him. Robert's life was one of faith, kindness, dedication, and love. He leaves behind a family who will forever treasure his example, his laughter, and the many memories they shared together. Though he will be deeply missed, they find comfort in knowing he is now at home with the Lord.

Joan E. Smith, 73
Memorial Service for Joan E. Smith, age 73 of Cullman, was at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Smith passed away on Friday, July 10, 2026, at her residence. She was born October 17, 1952, to W.H. "Bud" King and Mamie Bell. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Smith; daughter, Mandy Carrell; her parents; brother, Jim King and sister, Judy Ballew. Survivors include her son, Brent (Amy) Smith; granddaughters Willa Smith and Ayla Carrell; and a host of nieces, nephews, family & friends. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the: Shoe Box Ministry, Berlin Baptist, 3596 US Hwy. 278, Cullman, AL 35055

Marshall Malcom, Jr., 81
Funeral services for Marshall Malcom Jr., 81, of Colony will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Colony Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home.
Mr. Malcom was born Jan. 23, 1945, in Cullman County, Alabama to Marshall Malcom Sr. and Ella Wilson Malcom. He passed away July 8, 2026, in Cullman, Alabama.

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2nd Fridays (from Front)

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Madison Robinson of Sipsey Winery at 2nd Fridays in downtown Cullman on July 10, 2026



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