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CULLMAN, Ala. — Former Cullman attorney Sara Baker is back in the Cullman County Detention Center after a specially appointed Walker County judge revoked her bond Friday, finding probable cause that she violated the conditions of her release while awaiting trial on multiple felony charges alleging she attempted to poison her husband with fentanyl.

The ruling marks the latest development in a case that began with Baker's November 2025 arrest and has since expanded into an 11-count indictment.

During Friday's bond revocation hearing, prosecutors alleged Baker committed a new criminal offense while free on a $400,000 bond by arranging for fentanyl to be transported into the residence of her husband, James "Doyle" Baker, despite conditions placed on her release.

New allegations lead to bond revocation

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Sara Baker

CCBOE breaks ground on Cullman County STEM Academy



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The Cullman County Board of Education officially broke ground on the Cullman County STEM Academy on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — On Thursday, July 16, the Cullman County Board of Education officially broke ground on the Cullman County STEM Academy. The system hopes the project will be complete and ready for students in August 2028. It will be available for both county and city schools students.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said, "This is the career center for Cullman County and City Schools. Today is a ceremony to acknowledge that we're getting started."

He added, "We're expected to occupy the building in July of 2028. We're hoping to be moved in and ready for students in August of that year."

Barnette said the STEM Academy is not just great for students, it's also great for the entire community. "We're going to prepare young people to learn a skill that they can use for the rest of their lives to provide for their families." He continued, "At the same time, they will be meeting a need in the community to help our industries fill their jobs."

He thanked many in attendance for supporting the project and helping make the Cullman County STEM Academy a reality.

Singling out Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, he explained the two discussed the project roughly 10 years ago when Barnette traveled with CCBOE members to the Tuscaloosa Career and Technology Academy, part of



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette

Tuscaloosa City Schools. He said it was the inspiration for the Cullman County STEM Academy.

Barnette said he took a picture of it and a plot of land listed for sale by the Apel family. That plot of land, located along U.S. Highway 31 just south of Cullman-Jefferson Gas, is the site of the future STEM Academy.

He said he put the two images together and presented it to John Apel, stating, "This is how we want to honor your family. We want to train workers to go into the same industry that your family has been doing in Cullman County for generations."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 20, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 16

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 469
- criminal mischief; CR 616
- violation of protection order; CR 601
- domestic violence; College Dr. NE
- theft of property; CR 327
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Hwy. 157
- possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65SB MM 301
- theft of property; Main St. NE Hanceville
- theft of property; CR 671

July 17

- harassment; CR 561
- trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of controlled substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 291

July 18

- trespassing; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; obstructing governmental operations; resisting arrest; CR 139
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; I65 Overpass Ex. 299
- possession of controlled substances; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 310
- domestic violence; CR 1196
- obstructing governmental operations; resisting arrest; CR 223
- theft of property; CR 1117
- possession of dangerous drugs; illegal possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157

July 19

- domestic violence; CR 1545
- domestic violence; CR 18
- menacing; reckless endangerment; US. 231
- assault; menacing; obstructing governmental operations; resisting arrest; CR 421

ARRESTS

July 16-19

Aaron, Lacie B.; 32
- drug trafficking
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Barnett, Richard S.; 26
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – tampering with physical evidence

Black, Heather M.; 31
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Croft, Gregory E.; 63
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Denney, Jori M.; 36
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – no seat belt

Fanning, Ricky D.; 34
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Gibson, Jaden D.; 21
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Johnsey, John C.; 53
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Lee, Damien D.; 44
- DUI (alcohol)

Marshall, Robert J.; 48
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Mathis, Jeremy P.; 20
- criminal trespass

McDonald, Steven S.; 41
- resisting arrest
- obstruction-governmental operations

Oden, Carman B.; 26
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – speeding-no workers-construction zone

Pace, John K.; 35
- FTA – speeding-no workers-construction zone

Pedersen, Christopher A.; 38
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Randolph, Jeremy W.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shurtleff, Tai L.; 20
- permitting dogs to run at large

Thursby, Jr., Terry W.; 38
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal mischief-2nd degree

Wenrich, Mellisa R.; 27
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

White, Samson A.; 41
- resisting arrest
- obstruction-governmental operations

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 17

- harassment; domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Ward Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $51; Olive St. SW

July 18

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $56; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $28; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person

ARRESTS

July 17-19

Purdy, Autuam N.; 19
- theft of property-4th degree

Kugler, Emily P.; 19
- theft of property-4th degree

Bartlett, Amber N.; 42
- theft of property-4th degree

Knight, Rebecca J.; 58
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Copeland, Jason A.; 26
- FTA – speeding

Youngdale, Benjamin T.; 40
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – texting while driving
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA – insurance violation

Roman, Alejandro A.; 25
- DUI

Carrion, Victor D.; 38
- theft of property-4th degree

Whitaker, Brian K.; 44
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Gibson, Jaden D.; 21
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Ray, Breeanna N.; 19
- DUI
- minor in possession of alcohol

James, Jimmy H.; 53
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass

Hankins, Joshua J.; 37
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Moss (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Six months into the current Cullman City Council term, Council President Pro Tem David Moss Jr. believes one of Cullman's greatest success stories continues to be the city's emergence as a regional tourism destination.

As chairman of the council's tourism committee, Moss oversees an area that extends well beyond festivals. His responsibilities include tourism-related organizations and facilities such as Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST), the Cullman Regional Airport, the Cullman County Museum, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cullman Area Tourism Bureau.

Moss said tourism has grown into one of the community's strongest economic engines while also improving quality of life for local residents.

"Tourism has become a strong economic driver in our community," Moss said. "With our many festivals and events, our sports tourism and lake- and outdoor-related attractions, Cullman city and county have become a regional destination for many families. This has created jobs and opportunities in our area. The economic impact for our area is very positive."

He credits much of that success to cooperation among the organizations responsible for promoting Cullman.

"The Tourism Bureau was created a few years ago to help facilitate and coordinate the efforts of the many different groups that contribute to tourism in our area," Moss said. "The results have been encouraging."

While attracting visitors remains a priority, Moss said many of the investments made for tourism benefit local families every day.

"One of the benefits of tourism is the enhanced quality of life for our area," he said. "We have incredible parks and facilities like WildWater, the OmniPlex, Smith Lake Park and many others that bring visitors from outside of Cullman but also are great for our citizens as well."

He said the same is true for signature events such as Christkindlmarkt, Oktoberfest and the Alabama Strawberry Festival.

"These are great tourism events but also wonderful events for the people in Cullman to enjoy," Moss said.

Looking back over the past two decades, Moss said Cullman's transformation into a destination community has exceeded what many residents once thought possible.

"If someone would have predicted 20 years ago that Cullman would become a destination for families to come and visit on this scale, I don't believe many would have believed this," he said.

Today, Moss said, the city has earned a reputation across Alabama for successful community events.

"I remember well when people would complain that there was 'nothing to do' in Cullman," he said. "It is amazing to me how this has changed in the past several years."

Seeing families gather throughout the year has become one of his favorite signs of that progress.

"I love to see all of the young families out enjoying 2nd Fridays, the Christkindlmarkt, the Strawberry Festival or many of our other events," Moss said. "I think this identity as a town of fun festivals and events is something our citizens can be proud of."

As Cullman continues to attract larger crowds, Moss said preserving the community's family-oriented atmosphere remains important.

"I think we balance this first by the type of events we focus our efforts on," he said. "The common theme for our events, festivals, parks and sporting events is family fun."

He also believes tourism projects should continue serving both visitors and residents.

"I also believe it is important that the events and facilities are equal parts tourism and local quality of life enhancers," Moss said. "I love it that so many young families are choosing to live in Cullman now partly because of the quality of life available here."

Looking ahead, Moss pointed to several projects he believes residents should watch over the coming year.

Among them are improvements at East Side Park and the new performing arts center, both of which are already underway. He also highlighted the inaugural "Culinary in Cullman" Restaurant Week planned for September and said he expects the event to become an annual tradition.

Moss added that additional recreational projects remain in the planning stages and could further expand opportunities for residents in the years ahead.

Reflecting on the council itself, Moss said he has been encouraged by the progress made during the first six months of the new term.

"With regard to the council in general, we are now a little more than six months into this term," he said. "We have mostly new City Council members, and the transition involves quite a learning curve, as would be expected."

Despite that learning process, Moss said, he believes the council has established a strong foundation.

"I am very excited about where we are today," he said. "Each of the new council members has put a lot of effort into their roles, and the energy is positive. I expect the next six months and the remaining three and a half years of this term are going to be very productive."

Throughout the interview, Moss repeatedly returned to a common theme: promoting tourism while ensuring investments continue to enhance the quality of life for Cullman residents.

From parks and festivals to recreational facilities and future projects, he said the city's continued growth should benefit both the visitors who choose Cullman as a destination and the families who call it home.

Publisher's note: All council members were sent questions on the same day but only Hall, Schaffer and Moss replied. Chuck Shikle and Jason Willoughby never replied to any email requests.



Academy (from Front)

of Cullman and president of Apel Machine & Supply Company.

"We're going to make them proud!" Barnette emphasized.

This Academy is an important part in aiding future workforce from the Cullman County Schools and City Schools, but Barnette made a point to thank the central office workers, maintenance staff and currently faculty and staff at the Cullman Area Technology Academy for their continuous work towards a brighter future.

Barnette said the new Academy building will have room for expansion.

"We have a plan for phase two already," he said.

According to Cullman County Schools, the Cullman County STEM Academy was made possible in part because of an $18 million grant, which is the largest grant in the history of Cullman County Schools.

Sen. Gudger was on-hand for the groundbreaking, along with other members of Cullman County's legislative delegation, John Apel and Cheri Dalgleish (representing the Apel family), CCBOE board members, a member of the Alabama State Board of Education and more.

Check out a video of the ceremony at www.facebook.com/ccboeal.

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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
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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.

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Church Services: Spirit Life Church
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• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Wednesday, July 22– 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 24 – 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. END OF ADDICTION RALLY by Mickey Bell
• Sunday, July 26 – 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 22, 10 a.m. "Lasting Impressions-Fossils-artifacts" by Chris & Jake, Department of Archives & History, visiting us from Montgomery!
• The Alabama Department of Archives & History is the nation's first state-funded, independent archival agency, serving as the official repository for Alabama's government records and research facility for state history. It houses the Museum of Alabama, offering exhibits from prehistory to the present, and provides extensive digital and physical collections, including documents, photographs and maps for researchers and the public.
• Friday, July 24, 10 a.m. Dr. Carlton Young will present a program on the "War for Independence." He has been studying this since 1976 and is a local expert on this subject. He will bring Revolutionary War items to show. This ties in with Hanceville's America 250 celebration on Saturday, July 25, from noon-9 p.m. with fireworks!
• Wednesday, July 29, 10 a.m. "Quest to the Core" McWane Science Center
• Friday, July 31, 6 p.m. Poetry Night – all writers, amateurs, singers and songwriters invited
• 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
• Tuesday, Aug. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Teenage club art project
• Wednesday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. Storytime with college volunteer
• Wednesday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m. Children's book club and storytime with Briana Taylor and Angelyn Riggs
• Wednesday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m. Storytime with teenager Savannah Kesick reading "Frog & Toad"
• Wednesday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Storytime with Suhana, board member
• Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., Crochet class
• We are looking for community volunteers to read storytime on Wednesdays. Contact Teresa Rivera for details. Volunteers make our library successful, so we thank our local community.

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.

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

Holly Pond Lions Club All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Aug. 15, from 6-9 a.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club Building. For a donation, guests can enjoy pancakes, bacon, sausage and coffee, available for dine-in or takeout. All proceeds will support the HP Lions Club Project Fund and the local food pantry. Thank you community for supporting your local Lions Club.

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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Rose Petal Beauty looking for vendors

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PREP FOOTBALL

With Roberts-led returning group, State Championship is the goal for the 2026 Addison Bulldogs

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Bulldogs' 2025 season began with mystery, as they had a new head coach in Mark Hastings, and loads of questions regarding the roster. Well, the questions were answered, and Coach Hastings had an outstanding first year carrying the Bulldogs to 1A State Playoffs with a 12-2 overall record, eventually falling to Class 1A power Wadley, 22-14, in the semi-finals. So, the question this year is how will the Bulldogs respond going from minimal expectations, to having fans legitimately thinking state championship-or-bust.

Addison started seven sophomores last year, so the 'Dawgs have a strong returning group of depth and experience. They have three All-State players returning in senior QB/DB Elijah Roberts, junior WR/DB Connor Lane and WR/LB Judah Wilkins. The players' participation numbers are up as Addison had 43 kids turn out for summer workouts- 8-10 more than usual for the Bulldogs.

When asked about the high expectations for the upcoming season, Coach Hastings replied, "I thought we did a good job last year of managing our kids' emotions and just getting better each week. We didn't get too high or too low, and were consistent in our effort and execution. We need to improve each week, correcting our mistakes from the previous game and getting each player to focus on his responsibility. I believe that competition is the key factor in motivating players. If you have someone behind you that is able to take your job if you don't give effort and maximize your ability, then you tend to work harder or you won't be starting long. Our team goal is of course to win it all, but my goal is to see these young men grow and improve as young adults as well as improve as players."

Giving Roberts a clean pocket is critical to the offense's success, on the offensive line, Hastings said, "The biggest question for our team is our offensive line. We lost some three key long-time starters and have several kids fighting for those three spots. I feel good that whomever will win the job will perform and there will be no drop off from last year. Our two returning starters are sophomore left tackle Kyeler Hill and junior guard Noah Daffron.

"The three new starters will come from, in no particular order, senior Noah Benton, senior Briley Denson, sophomore Noah Cleghorn, senior Joseph Frock, junior Kane Stewart, junior Tucker Hayes, junior Robert Gilmore and Dahl Miller."

On what he believes this team's strong spot is, Hastings said, "Our biggest strength I believe is our skill players, especially our receiving corps. Our receivers are outstanding, with a good combination of speed and hands. Juniors Scout Flynn, Judah Wilkins and Connor Lane, all returning starters, are excellent. We have ample depth with senior Tanner Gaither, sophomore Tanner Morgan and sophomore Ben Bridges. Morgan has had a great summer, and kinda came out of nowhere. Tight end is especially strong with senior Michael Lee and junior Major Snoddy manning the position. Both (Michael) Lee and (Major) Snoddy are good blockers who can catch the ball."

When the question of quarterback was brought up, Hastings was asked what returning an all-state QB means to the team.

"Elijah (Roberts) is a very good athlete who improved tremendously from the beginning of the year to the end. He is a smart kid and has a strong arm and excellent mobility. Elijah's strength is his ability on a broken play, he can go the distance every single time he touches the ball. The sky is the limit for him this season, especially since this is his second year in our system," Hastings said.

The running back position features a mixture of youth and veterans that will man it this year. Hastings said, "Senior Zane Smith is 100% healthy from his knee injury last year and has improved his strength, Zane should have a good year. Junior Joey Wilson is a tough runner who gets the tough yardage and young (Ben) Bridges and freshman Kash Turner both showed flashes last year and will play."

Addison is known for strong defense, and last year was no different, as they held Wadley's all-everything back Jaquez Wilkes to his season-low in rushing yardage in a game. It starts up front, and Addison appears to be very strong there.

"Michael Lee was a menace off the edge last year, consistently putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks and doing well against the run. Senior Skylar Cleghorn came out of nowhere and about midseason, opposing teams had to game plan for him as well. Skylar and Michael are good opposites, Michael is strong and Skylar is exceptionally quick and he was able to get by the opposing lineman before they completely got out of their stance. Michael and Skylar have also been focused in the weight room to improve there as well. Tucker Hayes is a plugger in the middle, and we have several other kids, mainly the group from the offensive line, that will play at defensive tackle," Hastings said.



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Addison quarterback Elijah Roberts

The Bulldog secondary will tough to play this upcoming year due to all the returning talent.

"(Connor) Lane came out and actually became a shutdown corner for us. He had about ten interceptions and returned several for touchdowns. Most people didn't realize it but we played Connor on the opposing team's sideline all year. It is a tougher job due to most teams throw the majority of the passes to their sideline. He did an excellent job all year for us. Junior Silas Frazier started at the other corner and did well. Silas was really good in run support and wasn't afraid to stick his head in there to make the tackle. Elijah (Roberts) will man the safety position for us again and 'quarterback' the secondary. Sophomore Preuitt Woods has shown some ability at safety and (Ben) Bridges, (Tanner) Morgan and sophomore Carson McCaleb will play as well," Hastings said.

The 2026 Addison Bulldogs will come into the season with something that they haven't had in many years, a reasonable and legitimate expectation to win it all. With all the returning starters and experience, the pressure is on for the 'Dawgs. Addison is one of five teams that are consistently mentioned for the 2026 title: Addison, Hubbertville, Red Bay, Maplesville and Leroy are the favorites, and I see no problem with that assessment. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, it should be a great year to be a fan of Addison football.

Fun (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library invited Cullman County 4-H Extension Agent Kerri Roberts and Agent Assistant Daphne Gilmore to discuss and demonstrate solar power with young readers on July 15. Part of the library's summer programming, the learning event focused on different aspects of the sun, like the distance from Earth, the time it takes for light to reach the Earth, size, temperature, classification and more.

Roberts and Gilmore demonstrated the power of the sun with solar-powered cars and UV paper and objects, along with UV beads covered in sunscreen, which showed the kids how important it is to protect your skin even on cloudy days.

The solar-powered cars taught the young audience in real time how renewable energy from the sun works, with more discussion about converting solar power into energy to run homes and businesses with rooftop panels and solar farms.

Roberts and Gilmore also made homemade ovens with reflective panels to focus sunlight into an insulated box. These were taken outside to cook s'mores.

While those were outside cooking, they gave the children 10 UV beads to make bracelets. Roberts then applied sunscreen to hers to show how the strength of SPF will delay color change of the beads.

The UV paper stared out white and changed to a blue coloring when it was exposed to sunlight, allowing participants to experiment with different objects and get interesting results outside.

Roberts and Gilmore said they hope to have a summer solar day camp for older children next year. "We hope to go into more details with the older children," said Roberts. "We've already got that planned and in the works."

The Hanceville library's summer program theme this year is "Unearth a Story." Previous lessons have included dinosaurs, birds and bats.



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UV paper results

Upcoming events include:

- Wednesday, July 22, 10 a.m. "Lasting Impressions-Fossils-artifacts" by Chris & Jake, Department of Archives & History
- Wednesday, July 29, 10 a.m. "Quest to the Core" McWane Science Center
- Wednesday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. Children's author Ernie Swindle (bringing Matilda the Donkey for petting, located in the back parking lot)

The Shirley Burden Public Library is located at 201 Commercial St. Follow Facebook/Hanceville Public Library for event details.



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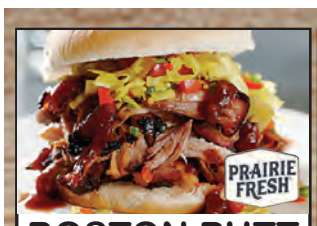
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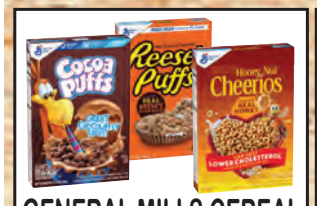
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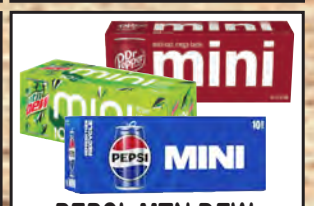
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WALLACE STATE WELDING INSTRUCTOR MELANIE PATTERSON

Amber Meyer of Lincoln Electric, left, teaches a student how to weld during the Women in Welding Workshop.

Wallace State holds welding workshop for women

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — On July 10, Wallace State Community College held a free welding workshop for women.

Wallace State Welding Instructors included Melanie Patterson as well as Wallace State Welding Technology Chair and Instructor Randy Hammond, who was recently named the NC3 Lincoln Electric Instructor of the Year.

Patterson stated the welding techniques and processes demonstrated consisted of SMAW (shielded metal arc welding), better known as stick welding; GMAW (gas metal arc welding), usually called MIG; FCAW (flux cored arc welding), called flux core; and GTAW (gas tungsten arc welding), called TIG.

Patterson explained, "We wanted more women to learn that welding is an option for them. We wanted them to learn about the welding processes and some options available in industry. We had representatives from Altec, Lincoln Electric and a pipe union who spoke to the participants about various welding jobs."

She advised the following to those seeking to pursue welding: "Don't be afraid to try something new. Don't be afraid to make mistakes, and learn from them.



WALLACE STATE WELDING INSTRUCTOR MELANIE PATTERSON

The Women in Welding Workshop participants were, from left: Magaly Cortez, Crystal Bridges, Zoey McNair, Shelby Atwood, Isabella Croeze, Pennie Carter and (not pictured) Alena Dirscherl.

"It's an excellent career, but you have to put in the work to learn welding and get good at it."

The college offers training for structural and pipe welding. Structural welding can span to a larger scale while pipe welding is used for pipelines and piping systems.

According to WSCC, "Welding is the primary method for permanently joining metal parts used in ships, automobiles, spacecraft, and countless manufactured products, and the field has evolved into a highly advanced, technology-driven industry. This evolution is reflected in Wallace State's Center for Welding Technology, the newest building on campus."

Wallace State is hosting a free workshop on Friday, July 24, from 8 a.m.-noon. This will be held at the college's Welding Department located on 801 Main St NW, Hanceville.

The free workshop will be open to anyone who wants to learn more about CNC plasma table operations and CAD image import and cutting. Email andrew.kreps@wallacestate.edu to sign up.

City Schools: 'Cullman High School Class of 2027 achieves stellar ACT performance'

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools this week said the Cullman High School Class of 2027 has earned the highest ACT performance of any class over the past decade.

"The Class of 2027 recorded the highest average composite ACT score in the past seven years while also posting the highest average scores in English, Reading, Mathematics and Science during that same period. These exceptional results reflect the district's unwavering commitment to providing every student with a rigorous, engaging and well-rounded educational experience."

Compared to students' pre-ACT performance, the Class of 2027 demonstrated impressive academic growth in every tested area:

- Composite: 21.56 (+2.85)
- English: 21.75 (+4.82)
- Reading: 22.66 (+2.79)
- Mathematics: 20.30 (+1.52)
- Science: 21.07 (+2.31)

"Seeing these increases and growth is no surprise to me," said Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff. "Cullman High School is home to outstanding teachers, a dedicated administrative team, and, most importantly, high-achieving students and families who value education."

Kallhoff emphasized that these ACT results are the product of a school system intentionally focused on developing students far beyond standardized testing.

"In Cullman City Schools, we challenge students to think critically, solve complex problems, collaborate with others and make sound decisions," he said. "Those transferable skills naturally translate into success on the ACT, but more importantly, they prepare our students for college, careers, military service and life."

Cullman High School Principal Allison Tuggle said the ACT results reflect years of intentional work by students, teachers, and families.

"This class has given us so many reasons to be proud, and these ACT results are just one more example of what can happen when students are surrounded by teachers who believe in them and families who support them every step of the way," Tuggle said. "I have had the privilege of watching these students grow, not only academically, but as leaders, teammates, artists, musicians and young men and women of character. Their success is a reflection of countless hours of hard work, determination and the unwavering commitment of our faculty to help every student reach his or her full potential."

From Cullman City Schools:

The ACT achievement is the latest in a series of recognitions that continue to distinguish Cullman City Schools as one of Alabama's premier public school systems.

Recent accomplishments include ranking in the 94th percentile nationally in reading and the 89th percentile nationally in mathematics according to the Education Recovery Scorecard, placing Cullman City Schools among the highest-performing districts in the nation. The district also led the State of Alabama in workforce readiness, with 87% of the Class of 2025 meeting the ACT WorkKeys College and Career Readiness benchmark, demonstrating that students are graduating prepared for both higher education and the workforce.

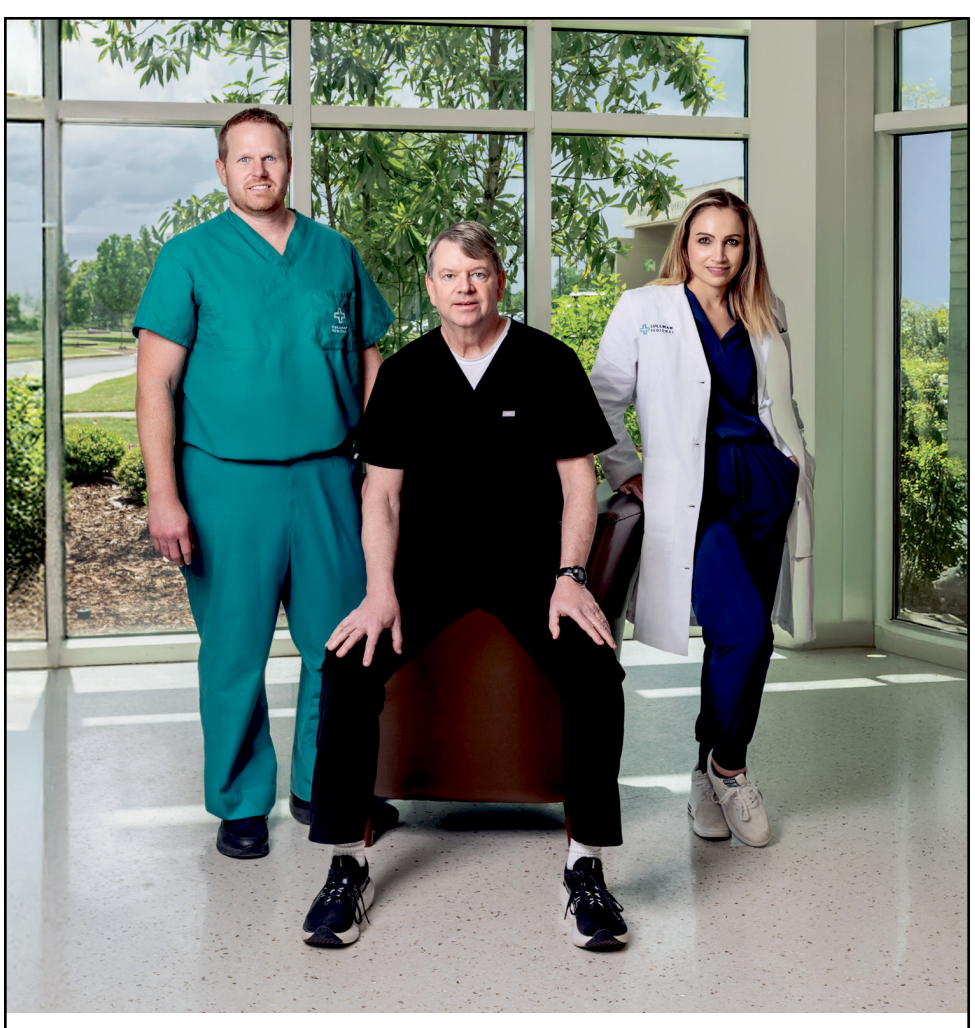
These academic accomplishments complement a school system that continues to invest heavily in opportunities beyond the classroom. Cullman City Schools has developed one of Alabama's most comprehensive STEM initiatives, including a state-of-the-art STEM and Career Technical Education wing at Cullman High School, expanded engineering, cybersecurity, computer science, health science, animal science, marketing, teaching and training, and other career pathway programs, while providing STEM learning opportunities beginning in the elementary grades.

The district's commitment to excellence has also earned national recognition. In 2024, East Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School, one of the highest honors awarded by the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, Cullman City Schools has consistently ranked among Alabama's top-performing school systems in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science while earning an A on the Alabama State Report Card for several consecutive years.

"Our vision has never been simply to produce high ACT scores," Kallhoff said. "Our goal is to graduate young people who are prepared to lead, innovate, and contribute to their communities. Whether that path leads to a university, technical school, military service or directly into the workforce, we want every graduate to leave Cullman City Schools ready for success."

He added, "These ACT results are not an isolated success. They are another indicator that our students are thriving because of the incredible work taking place throughout our entire school system. We are proud of our teachers, administrators, support staff, parents and students for continuing to raise the bar and proving that excellence is the expectation in Cullman City Schools."





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Baker (from Front)

caregivers on June 11 for an empty prescription medication bottle from the residence.

Later that month, prosecutors alleged Baker returned and gave a caregiver a black bag, instructing the caregiver to place it inside a safe at the home. Authorities believed the bag contained the medication bottle.

Investigators later executed a search warrant and recovered the bottle, which reportedly contained approximately 12 grams of a purple-colored powder.

Cullman Police lead investigator Zachary Latham testified that a field test indicated the substance was fentanyl, the same drug prosecutors allege was used in the original criminal case.

Walker County Judge Gregory Williams (on the case because Cullman County judges recused) ruled Baker had not violated the no-contact portion of her bond because there was no evidence she had direct personal contact with her husband.

However, the judge found probable cause that Baker violated another condition of her release by allegedly committing a new criminal act involving fentanyl.

Following the ruling, Baker was remanded to the custody of the Cullman County Detention Center, where she remains pending further court proceedings.

Husband testified on Baker's behalf

James "Doyle" Baker testified during the hearing in support of his wife.

He told the court Baker had complied with the no-contact provisions of her bond and questioned why the hearing was being held.

Judge Williams agreed there had been no direct contact between the two but determined the allegations involving fentanyl entering the residence constituted sufficient grounds to revoke Baker's bond.

Mental disease or defect plea entered

At the beginning of Friday's hearing, Baker entered pleas of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect to the pending criminal charges.

The court ordered that Baker undergo a psychological evaluation as the case moves forward.

Background of the case

Baker, a longtime Cullman attorney and former prosecutor, was arrested in November 2025 following a joint investigation by the Cullman Police Department and the FBI.

Investigators alleged Baker attempted to poison her husband, former Auburn football player James "Doyle" Baker, by placing fentanyl into his food or drink on multiple occasions during September 2025. Baker posted a $400,000 bond shortly after her arrest.

In February, a Cullman County grand jury returned an 11-count indictment charging Baker with:

- conspiracy to commit murder
- three counts of attempted murder
- second-degree domestic violence
- second-degree elder abuse
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
- four counts of solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime

According to the indictment, prosecutors allege Baker conspired to obtain fentanyl and administered what she believed to be fentanyl to her husband on multiple occasions between September and November 2025.

The case is being prosecuted by the Office of Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker. No trial date has been announced.

Timeline

- September 2025: Prosecutors allege multiple attempts were made to poison James "Doyle" Baker with fentanyl.
- Nov. 25, 2025: Sara Baker is arrested on multiple felony charges.
- Nov. 26, 2025: Baker posts a $400,000 bond and is released from custody.
- Feb. 13, 2026: A Cullman County grand jury returns an 11-count indictment.
- July 10, 2026: Prosecutors seek a warrant alleging Baker violated conditions of her bond after new allegations involving fentanyl.
- July 14, 2026: Baker is located and taken into custody in Mountain Brook.
- July 17, 2026: Following a hearing, Judge Gregory Williams officially revokes Baker's bond, and she is returned to the Cullman County Detention Center.

Case history

The Cullman Tribune has covered the Sara Baker case from the beginning. The following articles provide additional details about significant developments in the case.

Nov. 25-26, 2025: Initial arrest

Former Cullman attorney Sara Baker was arrested following an investigation by the Cullman Police Department and the FBI after authorities alleged she attempted to poison her husband, James "Doyle" Baker, by placing fentanyl into his food and drink on multiple occasions. Baker was later released on a $400,000 bond while awaiting trial.

www.cullmantribune.com/2025/11/26/cullman-attorney-sara-baker-allegedly-tried-to-kill-husband-with-fentanyl

February 2026: Grand jury returns 11-count indictment

A Cullman County grand jury indicted Baker on 11 felony charges, including conspiracy to commit murder, three counts of attempted murder, second-degree elder abuse, second-degree domestic violence, unlawful distribution of a controlled substance and four counts of solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime.

www.cullmantribune.com/2026/02/13/grand-jury-indicts-former-cullman-attorney-sara-baker-on-11-felony-counts

July 15, 2026: Baker located, returned to custody

After a warrant was issued alleging Baker violated the conditions of her bond, law enforcement officers located her at a residence in Mountain Brook. She was taken into custody and transported back to Cullman County to await a bond revocation hearing.

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July 19, 2026: Bond revoked

Following testimony from investigators, caregivers and Baker's husband, Judge Gregory Williams revoked Baker's bond after finding probable cause that she violated a condition of her release by allegedly transporting fentanyl to her husband's residence. Baker remains in the Cullman County Detention Center as the criminal case proceeds.

www.cullmantribune.com/2026/07/19/former-attorney-sara-baker-ordered-back-to-jail-after-bond-revoked-in-attempted-murder-case

Baker is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Tammy Brown
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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

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*):
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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
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ATTN: WESLEY LANEY (*Architect / Engineer*)

LED SOLUTIONS, LLC
(Contractor)

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Judge of Probate
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026- 276

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GAY BARBER VOSS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael William Voss on the 17th day of July, 2026, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michael William Voss
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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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 THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CARY VAN MARK BENNETT, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2026- 280

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CARY VAN MARK BENNETT, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Amy Edwards Bennett on the 17th day of July, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Amy Edwards Bennett, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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On Tuesday August 4, 2026, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision -2nd Avenue NW & 8th Street NW – 2 lots - Murphy Oil USA
2. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 26-43 – residential zoning and tables
3. Short form subdivision -3rd Street SE (US Highway 278 East) – 2 lots

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

Obituary Announcements: July 18-20

Jennifer Elaine Roberson, 65

Jennifer Elaine (Wynn) Roberson, 65, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away peacefully on July 18, 2026, with her beloved granddaughter by her side after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Funeral service will be Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Dr. Delbert Freeman officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday from noon-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Born on May 10, 1961, Jennifer dedicated her life to caring for others. A Registered Nurse since 1985, she spent more than four decades serving her patients with compassion, strength, and unwavering dedication. Nursing was more than a profession to Jennifer—it was a calling, and she touched countless lives through her kindness and selfless heart. Jennifer's faith in God was the foundation of her life. She loved the Lord with all her heart and found strength, peace, and hope in Him through every season. Her faith shaped the way she lived, the way she loved, and the compassion she showed to everyone around her. While she loved caring for others, her greatest joy was her family. Jennifer was a devoted mother, a loving and providing grandmother, and the steady foundation her family could always count on. She loved fiercely, gave generously, and never hesitated to put the people she loved before herself. Jennifer never met a stranger. She had a fiery spirit, a sharp wit, and wasn't afraid to tell you exactly what she thought. Her feisty personality was part of what made her so unforgettable, and those who knew her best wouldn't have wanted her any other way. Everybody loved Jennifer. She made people laugh, spoke her mind, and loved with her whole heart. She leaves behind countless memories that will be treasured forever by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Jennifer is survived by her daughter, Dixie (Hall) Wilkes; her grandchildren, Gracie Goodwin (Caleb) and Gage Thomas; her brother, Joel (Laura) Wynn; and her sisters, Anita (Gary) Miller and Janet (Keith) DeMonia. She was preceded in death by her parents, Coy and Shelby Wynn, as well as several beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins, who welcomed her home. Although our hearts are broken by her passing, we find comfort in knowing that she has been welcomed into the arms of her Savior, whom she faithfully loved and served. Her legacy of compassion, strength, unwavering faith, and unconditional love will live on through her family and through the many lives she touched. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

Gina Ann Howard, 59

Gina Ann Howard, age 59, passed away July 15,2026, at Decatur Morgan Hospital after a short illness. She passed away peacefully with her husband, Rick, and mother, Rita Birdsong, by her side.She was born Jan. 16, 1967, at Decatur General Hospital and was preceded in death by her father James Birdsong and grandparents, Troy and Grace McDowell Stewart. She was a Registered Nurse for about 23 years and helped so many patients and loved her Hospice patients in and around Huntsville. She was a member of Beltline Church of Christ. Gina is survived by her loving husband Rick Howard and mother, Rita Stewart Birdsong; mother in-law, Janice Putnman and brother-in-law Mike Howard. She is also survived by cousins, Karla Sullivan, of Guntersville, Neah Duke, of Birmingham, Nea Hanscomb, of San Diego,CA, Virginia (Ginger) D'Angelo, of San Leandro, CA and Sonia Watson, of Temecula, CA; one aunt, Thorice Bisek and her husband, Denny Bisek, of Rio Vista, CA. There will be a private graveside service and burial at Spring Hill Church Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama with Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in charge.

Judith 'Judy' Veal Garrison, 77

Judith 'Judy' Garrison, age 77 of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, at her residence. She was born Thursday, Feb. 24, 1949, to Arley Veal and Winona Veal. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Judy was kind, loving and humorous person. She loved her antiques and collectables. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Lowell Jackson Garrison, II. Survivors include her son, Lowell Jackson Garrison, III; grandson, Jayce Garrison; great grandson, Liam Jax Garrison; sisters, Brenda Digges and Sherry (Terry) Kellum; niece, Sabra Keenum; and great niece and nephew, Ryan & Chloe Keenum.

Melba Faye Kugler, 85

Melba Faye Kugler, 85, passed away peacefully on July 16, 2026. Born on Aug. 9, 1940, in Cullman County, Alabama, Melba lived a life defined by quiet strength, steady devotion, and a deep love for her family. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and sister whose presence brought comfort, humor, and warmth to everyone who knew her. Melba is survived by her two sons, Dennis Kugler and Bill Kugler (Kim); her cherished grandson, Lawton Kugler; and her sister, Sherry Shedd (Dennis). She was preceded in death by her parents, Claud and Eva Barnett, and her daughter in law, Joyce Kugler. Melba will be remembered for her resilience, her warmth, and the deep love she carried for her family throughout her life. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Visitation begins at 1 p.m., with the service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice in Melba's honor.

Laura Sue Glenn, 76

Laura Sue Glenn, of Hanceville, Alabama, entered heaven on July 16, 2026, at the age of 76. Laura was born in San Antonio, Texas, on Aug. 24, 1949, to the late Calrence Elton and Florence Joy Caldwell Wesley. Ms. Glenn is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Katie McPhearson. Laura's memory will be cherished by her son, Edward Wesley Glenn (Dawn Leslie Frost); daughter, Alecia Brook Mitchell; sister, Dody Griffith; nephew, Mic Parker; and a host of loving family and friends. Laura was a member of Clay Methodist Church where she worshipped her Heavenly Father with her family and friends, when her health allowed her to do so. She was a child of God, and she loved Him and His word. Laura's love for others was evident in her giving spirit and in the kindness she bestowed on all who knew her. Even in challenging times, Laura never complained about her circumstances. Laura continued to be a compassionate mother and good friend when others would have displayed a different attitude in similar situations. She was a very giving person, offering what she had to those in need. Ms. Glenn was not only a mother and friend to many, but she was also a banker working for both AmSouth and Regions banks for more than forty years. Laura enjoyed swimming and shopping, and she adored cats. Second only to her love for her Heavenly Father, Laura's children were her passion. She adored both of her children, and she was an amazing mother to them. Both Eddie and Alecia have truly been blessed to have had Laura as their mother, and while she will be missed by her children and family, Laura's legacy of kindness, compassion, and love will be remembered for generations to come Friends are invited to join the Glenn family for visitation on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, beginning at 2 p.m., in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services for Laura will follow visitation, begin at 3 p.m., with Pastor Tim Evans officiating. Ms. Glenn will be laid to rest in Holly Pond Cemetery following services. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Glenn family.

Daphne Elaine Langley, 69

Daphne Elaine Speegle Langley, of Holly Pond, Alabama, was welcomed into Heaven on Saturday morning, July 18, 2026, at the age of 69. Daphne was born to the late Robert Franklin and Sylvia Inez Bates Speegle on March 4, 1957, in Cullman County, Alabama. Mrs. Langley is preceded in death by her parents. Daphne's memory will be cherished by her husband, Larry Langley; sons, Derek Wade Langley and his wife Brittany; Matthew Blake Langley; grandchildren, Landon Langley and his wife Summer, Jaide Langley; expected great-granddaughter, Charlotte Rose Langley; siblings, Robert Delain Speegle and his wife Karen, Julia Belinda Hodge and her husband Neil; nieces and nephews, Chris Speegle and his wife Kelly, Valerie Speegle Keller and her husband Terry, Nathan Speegle, Skye Hodge McCreary and her husband Jay, Carlee Hodge; and sister-in-law, Susan Wiggins and her husband Randy. Ms. Daphne was a child of God and her love for Him was evident. She was a member of Holly Pond Church of Christ, and she enjoyed reading and studying His word. Ms. Langley liked to bake and cook, but her favorite hobby included all things Alabama football. She was an avid fan, and she enjoyed the rivalry among her family as they cheered on the opposing team. Daphne's love for people made her everyone's biggest cheerleader. She truly wanted to see people succeed and was always praying for and encouraging those she loved. Daphne's kindness and thoughtfulness could be seen in her actions. Even as the world moved faster, Daphne took time to send cards for special occasions. Often, she just sent a card with words of encouragement to help make difficult days a little easier – always reminding you that you were not alone and that she believed in you. Daphne was also a grateful person. She always enjoyed a surprise gift and no matter what she received, she was thrilled to be thought of and treasured her gift. The most important part of Daphne's life was her family. Her love for her husband and children was immense. She adored her grandchildren and was eagerly awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandchild. Daphne's family will miss her intensely, but the amazing wife, mother, and grandmother she was will be remembered for generations. Friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will follow, beginning at 2 p.m., with Delain Speegle officiating. Mrs. Langley will be laid to rest in Brooklyn Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Langley family.

Mary Lou Chancey Harris, 98

Mary Lou Chancey Harris, 98, of Decatur, Alabama, entered the gates of Heaven on Thursday, July 16, 2026. She was born on March 6, 1928, in Copperhill, Tennessee, to the late William H. Chancey and Mary Maude Dollar Chancey. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert E. Harris; her parents; and her brothers, John Warren Chancey and William Chancey. Mary Lou was raised in Copperhill, Tennessee, and attended Emory University. She later moved with her husband to Decatur, where Robert was employed by Monsanto. She devoted herself to raising their children and, after they were grown, worked for the Department of Pensions and Security. A woman of deep faith, Mary Lou loved the Lord and His Word. She was a longtime member of Grant Street Church of Christ, where her husband faithfully served as an elder for many years. She is survived by her two sons, Robert Edward (Ingrid) Harris, Jr. and John Stephen (Lou Anne) Harris; her daughter, Helen Harris (Gary) Wagner; her grandchildren, Kathryn Leigh Harris of Bandhagen, Sweden, and John Stephen (Ashly) Harris, Jr. of Florence, Alabama; her great-grandson, Silver Harris of Florence, Alabama; and her cousin, Dick Dollar of Newnan, Georgia. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur, Alabama. Her son, John Stephen Harris, and her son-in-law, Gary Wagner, will officiate the service. Mary Lou will be remembered for her unwavering faith, her devotion to her family, and the quiet strength and grace with which she lived her life. Her legacy of love and Christian service will continue to inspire all who knew her. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home directing.

Linda Louise Trevarthen, 85

Linda Louise Trevarthen, 85, of Crane Hill, Alabama, was born March 13, 1941, in Brookside, Alabama, and passed away July 14, 2026. Through the years, Linda's steady devotion to those she loved, her quiet strength in life's changing seasons, and the deep affection she inspired in others remained constant—gifts that will be remembered with gratitude and held close by all who knew her. Linda is survived by her husband, Gerald Trevarthen; her children, Terri Geer (Danny), Sherri Sandlin (Gordon), and Scott Trevarthen (Jennifer); her grandchildren, Lori Cochran (Adam), Brandi Shelton (Josh), Nick Geer (Cailah), Brittany Hallmark Godsey (Jamerson), Bradley Hallmark, Faith Vaden (Adam), JJ Trevarthen (Jolie), and Aiden Sandlin; and her great-grandchildren, Aaliyah Richardson Rodgers (Lucas), Will Cochran, Olivia Cochran, Adeline Shelton, Charlotte Cochran, Chanlee Geer, Ethan Cochran, Hadlee Geer, Penelope Vaden, Samuel Vaden, Avery Shelton, and Vandiver Godsey. Pallbearers: Nick Geer, Bradley Hallmark, J J Trevarthen, Aiden Sandlin, Jamerson Godsey, Josh Shelton, Will Cochran, and Adam Vaden. Visitation will be held Monday, July 20, 2026, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A Celebration of Life will follow at 3 p.m. with Pastors Jerry Lawson and Matt Carmichael, along with worship songs by Tela Washam, at Moss-Service Funeral Home. Committal Service will be held Monday, July 20, 2026, at Good Hope Baptist Cemetery, 90 Good Hope School Road, Cullman, AL 35057.

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Camp (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State held its Little Lifesavers Camp at the School of Nursing and Center for Science Building. This two-day camp brought new education to different age groups about all the skillsets necessary for being a nurse.

It was the nursing center's first year holding the camp and they reported day one, on Wednesday, July 15, saw roughly 60 soon-to-be second-, third- and fourth-students. On Thursday, July 16, they welcomed approximately 30 rising fifth- and sixth-grade students.

The camp rotated between seven different rooms for 45-minute intervals, with a lunch break around midday. Every room featured different aspects of nursing.

The "Mathletes" room, for example, had several stations. One labeled "Liquid Logic Lab" provided a hands-on activity demonstrating how to properly use droppers and measuring cylinders. This room also had a table for "Graph Masters" that introduced the children to charting graphs, while the next room focused on pattern recognition with "Mirror Magic" and building blocks.



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Wallace State Nursing students dressed as influential figures

The children also learned about blood types – what the different blood types are, which blood type is the most or least common and how donating blood can save a life.

The "Blood Typing" presentation explained that blood is made of four components: plasma, platelets, white and red blood cells. When blood is donated or taken for labs these components separate. This was demonstrated by using an empty water bottle filled with vegetable oil (plasma), dried kidney beans (red blood cells), mini marshmallows (white blood cells) and rice (platelets). When the bottle was shaken, the components would combine and then separate again once settled.

One classroom presented historical nursing figures throughout history. These were portrayed by Wallace State Nursing students themselves. One student was Florence Nightingale, who was an English social reformer and noted as the founder of modern nursing.

In addition to learning about emergency room procedures and germs, the campers also had the "Care and Compassion" room that gave them insight into the positive influence nurses have on their patients. In this room they crafted handmade cards with words of love and kindness.

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