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Cullman City Council approves $5.09M for drinking water system improvements

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council at its Monday, July 20 meeting approved $5.09 million in financing for drinking water system improvements, held a first reading of an ordinance that would update the city's fencing ordinance and authorized applications for state and federal airport funding.

The council also continued its school resource officer partnership with Cullman City Schools, upgraded two Street Department positions and approved two road races.

Water system funding

The council adopted Ordinance No. 2026-44, authorizing the issuance of a $5.09 million General Obligation Warrant to finance drinking water system improvements.

The city will receive the financing through the Alabama Drinking Water Finance Authority and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. » PAGE 4

Happy 79th Anniversary, Hobert and Nell Thomas!



BETH KICKER

Nell and Hobert Thomas in 2025

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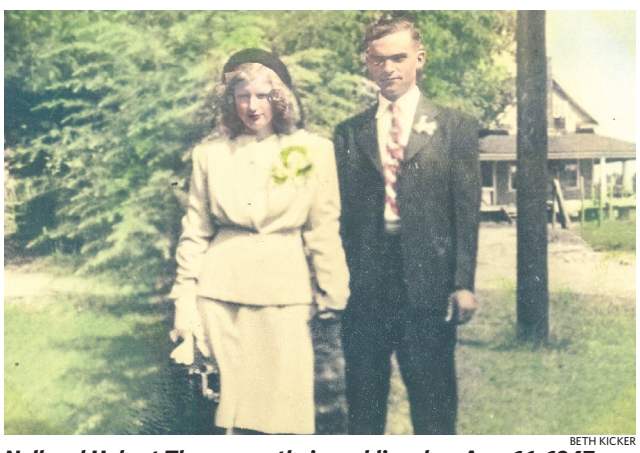
Hobert and Nell Thomas will celebrate their 79th anniversary on Aug. 16!

According to their granddaughter Beth Kicker, the pair married Aug. 16, 1947, in Hanceville.

She said they met when they were 3 and 5 years old. Hobert was best friends with Nell's older brother, and they all walked to school together during their elementary days at the Center Hill schoolhouse.

Nell's family moved to Hanceville when she was in middle school, but they reconnected as teens in downtown Hanceville when Hobert needed a date to go to the movies with his friends. He saw Nell exiting the Hanceville Drug Store on his way to the theater.

After their first date, Beth said, the two were » PAGE 5



BETH KICKER

Nell and Hobert Thomas on their wedding day, Aug. 16, 1947

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WALLACE STATE

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 22, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 20

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $100; Hwy. 157
• criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damaged tire; $130; Kim Ln. SE
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $171; Olive St. SW

July 21

• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; Lee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

July 20-21

Lewis, Jason M.; 44
• FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Lindsey, Tonya A.; 50
• theft of property-4th degree

Wyatt, Christopher L.; 43
• theft of property-4th degree

Moore, Marquita L.; 38
• theft of property-4th degree

Holcomb, Anita L.; 44
• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Phelps, Christy M.; 43
• FTA – domestic violence – criminal mischief
• FTA – criminal trespass-2nd degree

Tzox, Salvador L.; 25
• FTA – speeding
• FTA – insurance violation
• FTA – fail to register vehicle
• FTA – driving without license
• FTA – switched tag

Smith, Jeffery W.; 37
• criminal trespass-3rd degree

Bryson, Dalton L.; 24
• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Firefighters (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two Cullman Fire Rescue personnel have been deployed to Texas as part of an Alabama response to dangerous flooding and rapidly rising water.

Engineer Keith Bates and Engineer Craig Duncan are serving as members of Alabama Task Force 3, a north Alabama-based urban search-and-rescue team that operates through the Alabama Mutual Aid System.

Gov. Kay Ivey announced Friday that Alabama deployed four Type III Swiftwater search-and-rescue teams to assist Texas with ongoing life-threatening flooding. The deployment includes responders from Mobile, Lauderdale, Cullman, Marshall, DeKalb, Jefferson, Shelby and Chilton counties.

Each eight-person team deployed with multiple boats built to support search, rescue and recovery operations in active flood zones, according to the governor's office.

"Alabamians always stand ready to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need. I pray for Texans who are once again dealing with raging floodwaters," Ivey said. "I thank our fellow Alabamians serving on the search-and-rescue teams and offer my prayers for a successful mission and safe return home."

Bates and Duncan are working alongside responders from Fort Payne and Guntersville as part of Alabama Task Force 3, according to information released by the City of Cullman.

The team is stationed in Zapata, Texas, where members remain on alert and prepared to deploy as conditions and assignments demand.

The city said team members recently launched a boat to investigate a debris pile in the water. No rescue or recovery action was needed.

While awaiting further assignments, the team has continued joint training with Alabama Task Force 1 and may also train with Missouri Task Force 1. The training is intended to maintain readiness as flood conditions and operational needs change.

Cullman Fire Rescue is an active member of the Alabama Mutual Aid System's Division F Response Team, also known as Alabama Task Force 3. The department's Technical Rescue Team is trained for water and swift-water emergencies, structural collapses, confined-space rescues, rope rescues and other complex incidents.

Based on the latest information provided by the city, the deployment is not expected to extend beyond Friday. The team plans to travel to San Antonio on Friday to begin demobilization before returning home, with arrival in Alabama most likely Sunday.

The City of Cullman thanked Bates, Duncan and all personnel assisting Texas during the flood response. Additional updates will be released as they become available.

Hammond (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Randy Hammond has been named the 2026 Instructor of the Year for the NC3 Lincoln Electric program. Hammond was recognized on Wednesday, July 22, at the NC3 Leadership Conference in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Hammond is a dedicated welding professional and educator serving as a welding instructor and department chair of the Welding program at Wallace State. As a Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) with 18 years of experience, he brings extensive industry knowledge and hands-on experience to the classroom. He uses his years in the welding industry to help prepare the next generation of skilled welders for successful careers in the trade.

"Randy Hammond's recognition as the NC3 Lincoln Electric 2026 Instructor of the Year reflects his exceptional knowledge, dedication to his students and commitment to excellence in welding education," said Jerry Murcks, dean of Applied Technologies. "Randy brings industry experience into the classroom in a way that helps students build confidence, master their craft and prepare for successful careers. We are incredibly proud of Randy and the positive impact he continues to make on our students, the Welding program and Wallace State."

Known for his commitment to excellence and passion for teaching, Hammond takes pride in sharing both the technical and practical aspects of welding with his students. His expertise and mentorship have made a positive impact on many aspiring welders throughout his career.

"Randy was my instructor when I was a student in the welding program in 2015-2017. I had never welded before and wasn't sure I would succeed," said Welding Instructor Melanie Patterson. "Randy was patient and encouraging. He is extremely knowledgeable about all things welding. Now I work alongside Randy as a colleague. I see how the students deeply respect him. Not only does he have a vast knowledge of welding, but he is also excellent at explaining it in a way that students understand. The students have a nickname for Randy - The Wizard!"

Hammond said he first thought it was a joke when he was told he was being named the instructor of the year.

"I could not believe that I was selected over all the other welding instructors across America," Hammond said. "I am extremely honored to win an award for doing what I love. Welding has provided me with a career that has brought me full circle in life. From being a welding student at Wallace State Community College to being the department chair. It was an amazing and rewarding ride. It is my goal now to share with students what I have learned in my career and to pass along wisdom to another generation of welders."

Outside of work, Hammond enjoys hunting, gardening and spending quality time with his family. He has been married to his wife, Stacy, for 31 years and is the proud father of two daughters, Tess and Grace, and a son-in-law, Collin. His faith in God and family remains at the center of his life, and he values the time spent creating memories with those he loves most.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Cullman County Special Education Program is seeking to locate children with disabilities ages 0-21 within the Cullman County School District. Ages 0-3 call Kristie Smith, 256-734-3253. Ages 3-21 call Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 256-739-0486, Ext 2.

The system is also seeking to locate intellectually gifted and talented children, with the emphasis on second-grade students.

Contact Special Education Coordinator Katie Meigs at 17600 U.S. Highway 31 N, Cullman, Al 35058.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 256-739-3326
• spiritlifechurchcullman@gmail.com
• FB-Spirit Life Church Cullman
• Friday, July 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.
• 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 take-out. 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

Sambo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Every star has to start somewhere, and Sambo is more than ready for his big break. This handsome 4-month-old tuxedo kitten has all the charm you'd expect from a cat wearing nature's version of a formal suit. He's The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week.

While famous tuxedo cats like Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat, Felix the Cat and Sylvester have entertained generations, Sambo is hoping to earn a different title: beloved member of a forever family.

Sambo's playful spirit and affectionate personality make him a joy to be around.

Whether he's chasing toys, exploring every corner of the room or curling up beside someone for a nap, he has a way of brightening every moment.

Shelter staff say Sambo's affectionate, easygoing personality makes him an excellent candidate for a therapy or companion home. His calm, loving nature and playful spirit make him the kind of kitten who can brighten someone's day simply by being close.

Sambo still has all the curiosity and energy of a growing kitten, balanced by the gentle personality that has quickly made him a favorite among shelter staff.

His "star quality" is hard to miss, but what truly sets Sambo apart is his loving heart. He's simply looking for a family to share it with.

His $100 adoption fee includes age-appropriate vaccinations, a microchip and neutering, helping prepare him for a healthy start in his forever home.

If you've been looking for a loyal companion with movie-star looks and an award-winning personality, Sambo could be exactly the cat you've been waiting for.

To meet Sambo or learn more about adopting him, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You can also call 256-734-5448 or email cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

If Sambo has already found his forever home by the time you read this, don't worry. The shelter has many other wonderful cats and dogs waiting for families of their own. Your perfect companion may be waiting there today!



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PREP FOOTBALL

Vinemont aiming for 2026 postseason return behind recovered running back trio

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Fresh off a promising 2025 season where the Eagles went 6-5, Vinemont, in Stephen Robinson's tenth season at the helm, will aim for a third straight playoff appearance in '26.

With the summer coming to a close and the roster taking shape, Robinson said the staff has seen great effort and buy-in from the team, which features a balanced starting lineup in terms of age.

The Eagles' 2025 season, especially on the offensive side of the ball, is made more impressive by the fact that both of this season's projected starting running backs were slated to contribute, but suffered season ending injuries.

"I think the biggest thing has been seeing Caleb Slain and Gabriel Herrera back. They were kind of unknowns coming into the summer, and once they were released to start playing again we didn't know how quickly they'd get back into the swing of things. They've both been pleasant surprises with how quickly they've rebounded and started looking closer to normal. Gabe tore his ACL, which is honestly tougher to come back from than a broken leg, mainly because mentally you have to learn to trust that knee again. Both of them coming back and being what they are has been the biggest encouragement of the offseason," Robinson said.

Behind Slain, a senior who Robinson said, "looks faster than he was before he broke his leg, somehow," and Herrera, also a senior, the Eagles' staff has also been pleasantly surprised by the emergence of sophomore Travis Speer.

Last season as a freshman, on one of the first days of in-helmet practices, Speer also tore his ACL, missing the entire season as a result.

"We've got the young guy, too, who I think's going to be a huge piece of this team, and that's Travis. He's just a tenth grader, and he just works hard, man. I feel like he could have a very beneficial year to help the team in a lot of areas, including defense," Robinson said.

The trio of backs nearly becomes a quartet when factoring in starting quarterback Joshua Rhodes, who Robinson said "is also like a running back for us," in their run-heavy offense.

The veteran signal caller enters his third year in control of the offense, and after learning and preaching the scheme for so long, Robinson said, "He's such a veteran guy, I really think he could run practice if I wasn't there. He knows all the plays, all the formations, all the situations, he's just been around it for that long."

On the offensive scheme, Robinson said, "We really just want to get up there and run straight through you, we'll take shots over the top, but we're really just 'line up and see who's tougher.'"

Making that possible is an offensive line composed of three returning starters from center-left tackle. On the right side of the line, however, Vinemont is breaking in two sophomores.

Defensively, the Eagles run a 3-4 scheme, and feature another strong position group that Robinson called, "the strength of the team." Leading the linebackers is Brandon Johnson, 2025's All-Region Defensive Player of the Year, who's entering his senior season.

"He kind of runs the defense, he likes to take control, and he does a good job of it- he also doesn't mind hitting you, either. He'll get you pretty good, he's strong, and his little brother Zach is gonna be starting right beside him as of now. We got a senior next to a sophomore there, which helps that learning curve," Robinson said.

Zach Johnson projects to be the only non-senior starting linebacker in a veteran group that helped power the 2025 defense.

In a new region with former 4A teams Oneonta and Etowah, plus their usual county rivals of Hanceville and Holly Pond, the Eagles have their work cut out for them.

On the season outlook, Robinson said, "I think for us to be able to get into the playoffs we're gonna have to win some close games, and to do that you just have to do the little things right. I feel like we have a defense that is capable of flying to the football, and if we can fly around to the football on defense and then play sound football on the offensive end without making mistakes, I think we can be successful in a lot of areas this year."



CHRISTY ANYAN
Vinemont's Travis Speer

Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, July 21, approved a wide range of resolutions, purchases, contracts and subdivision plats.

The Commission adopted Resolution 2026-37, lowering the speed limit on County Road 385 to 30 mph, and Resolution 2026-39, reducing the speed limit on County Road 458 to 25 mph. Commissioners also adopted Resolution 2026-38, authorizing the Commission to apply for state and federal matching funds for fiscal year 2027 airport improvement projects at Cullman Regional Airport.

Commissioners approved an amendment to the abatement for "Project Panel," increasing the original incentive by $261,342. The project was initially approved on June 18, but company officials later determined additional renovations would be necessary, including the installation of a sprinkler system and a large roll-up door. Because the project costs increased by more than 10%, state law required the amended abatement to be brought back before the Commission.

The Cullman City has also approved abatements for Project Panel. The name of the company involved has not been disclosed, but the project will reportedly bring 18 new jobs in its first phase, and 75-100 new jobs in its second face.

The Commission authorized Chairman Jeff Clemons to sign amendments for Recreational Trails Program grants for improvements at Stony Lonesome OHV Park. It also approved moving the Sept. 15 Commission meeting to Sept. 22 due to the Washington Fly-In and Economic Development Intensive.

Commissioners also adopted the Fiscal Year 2027 Rebuild Alabama County Transportation Plan. Based on projected revenue, approximately $1.9 million is expected to be allocated for county transportation projects. The approved plan includes improvements to County Roads 1527, 1117, 798, 463, 282 and 68, totaling $1,882,289. The Fiscal Year 2026 Rebuild Alabama Contractor Report was also approved.

The Commission approved the purchase of a 2027 Ford Explorer for CARTS through the state bid program for $37,525 and authorized the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado police pursuit vehicle for Animal Control from McSweeney for $48,080.19.

Commissioners approved an agreement with Three Notch Group, Inc. for drafting services related to resurfacing County Road 222 and authorized the chairman and county engineer to execute all necessary project documents.

The Civitan Club received approval to use the south parking lot of the Cullman County Courthouse on July 31 and Aug. 1 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Additional business included the appointment of Stephanie Lawson to the Cullman County Department of Human Resources Board, replacing Jack Collins for a six-year term.

The Commission also approved a $58,500 Enterprise License Agreement with Esri for the county's reappraisal program and authorized the purchase of a Hanel Lektriever rotating storage unit for the Probate Office for $78,000.

Commissioners approved several subdivision-related requests, including plats for J.M.J. Homes Subdivision, Hidden Shores Subdivision, Dorsey Creek Farms Subdivision, Ponder Row Subdivision and Blessem Bottoms Subdivision. They also approved the resubdivision of Lot 2 of Valley View Subdivision and authorized an extension of the existing bond for Long Branch Pointe subdivision.

In other business, the Commission awarded the Guaranteed Energy Savings Request for Qualifications to Path, awarded the gas and diesel fuel bid to B & B Petroleum and awarded the HVAC system bid for Stony Lonesome OHV Park to Dye HVAC. Bid No. 1503 for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office dispatch UPS battery backup system received no bids, and the Commission approved seeking informal quotes in accordance with state bid law.

The Commission also approved one-year extensions for the lawn care maintenance contract with Pro Lawn Unlimited and the aggregate materials contract with Wiregrass Construction Company, Vulcan Materials Company and Grayson Carter & Sons Contracting, Inc., based on project vicinity and material availability.

Next meeting
The next Cullman County Commission work session will be held Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m., followed by the regular Commission meeting at 6. in the Commission meeting room.

Cullman Council (from Front)

The loan carries an annual interest rate of 0.10% and an annual ADEM administrative fee of 2.10% on the outstanding principal. Interest and administrative fee payments will be made twice annually.

Principal payments will begin in 2027 and continue through 2046. The city's full faith and credit are pledged for repayment of the debt.

The federally assisted project will be subject to requirements under the Davis-Bacon Act, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Build America, Buy America provisions.

The ordinance was adopted unanimously.

New business
The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-128, authorizing the city to apply for state and federal matching funds for Cullman Regional Airport improvement projects during fiscal year 2027.

The resolution authorizes Mayor Woody Jacobs to submit applications and related documents to the Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration.

The city may also enter into funding agreements with ALDOT and the FAA if grants are awarded.

The resolution states the city's required local matching funds have been approved and included in the airport budget. The supporting documents did not identify the proposed improvements or the anticipated project cost.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-129, amending the city's position control to upgrade two Street Department positions.

One Heavy Equipment Operator position will be upgraded to Crew Foreman. One Equipment Operator II position will be upgraded to Heavy Equipment Operator.

The changes affect existing positions and will be incorporated into the city's fiscal year 2026 budget.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The council adopted Resolution No. 2026-130, authorizing a memorandum of understanding with the Cullman City Board of Education to provide school resource officers in the city's public schools.

The agreement continues the partnership between the city, school system and Cullman Police Department to provide law enforcement services and maintain safer school environments.

The agenda request lists an agreement beginning Aug. 1, 2026.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Fencing
Council members held their first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-45, updating the city's regulations governing fences and walls.

The ordinance requires a building permit before a fence or wall is erected, placed or repaired. Fences must be constructed in a uniform and consistent style using materials manufactured for that purpose.

Pallets, doors, scrap materials and other salvaged items that could create fire or safety hazards may not be used as fencing.

Fences containing stone, rock or other natural materials must be maintained without loose or missing material. Wooden sections must be made of decay-resistant wood and protected with paint, stain or a similar product.

Barbed wire, concertina wire, razor wire and electric fences are prohibited on residentially zoned property.

Fences and walls may not interfere with stormwater drainage or obstruct motorists' visibility. The ordinance will take effect following passage and publication as required by law.

No action was taken at this time.

Annexations
The council also held its first reading of Ordinance No. 2026-46, annexing approximately 8 acres owned by Douglas and Amanda Blackledge into the city of Cullman.

The property is located at 1811 County Road 1301 in Vinemont and will enter the city as an AG-1 Agricultural District.

The Cullman Planning Commission reviewed the request July 7 and forwarded it to the council with a favorable recommendation. A copy of the ordinance and legal description will be filed with the Cullman County Probate Office.

No action was taken at this time.

Reports of committees, boards and officers

Councilman Chuck Shikle, Place 1, presented the Public Safety Committee report.

Shikle noted, "There was an uptick of injuries in June. That was mainly from WildWater and they were heat-related injuries."

He acknowledged the Zero Bullet fire that took place Thursday, July 9. Cullman Fire Rescue contained the fire and no injuries were reported.

"Engineer Austin Yarbrough completed his rope rescue technician certification," Shikle said, commending Yarbrough for completing the course despite its difficulty.

CPD Sergeant Jonathan England completed his commercial vehicle crash investigation training.

CPD Officer Jake Allan was named Officer of the Quarter for his outstanding service and professionalism.

Shikle said the CPD's inaugural Citizens Academy was a success. Chief Joey Duncan noted that class registration was full after being open for only six hours.

"Huge success, a lot of them actually reached out to go again on the next one," Duncan said.

Councilman David Moss Jr., Place 2, presented the Tourism Committee report.

"The concrete for the (Cullman Regional Airport) Apron Project should have been completed today," said Moss, who noted the target completion date is Aug. 20, 2026.

He stated that on Monday, July 13, the Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism was recognized, with Christkindlmarkt named the Alabama Tourism Event of the Year for 2026.

"In the same event the Tourism Department was also named the Alabama Tourism Organization of the Year, which is quite an accomplishment since our Tourism Department is only a couple years old," he said. "That's something to be proud of."

He mentioned that ASA Archery Tournament will be held St. Bernard Abbey from Thursday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug.1.

"All of the hotels are sold out," Moss said. "This always has a big impact this time of year."

Councilman Jason Willoughby, Place 3, presented the Public Works Committee report.

"The Street Department completed paving just north of Rusken Packaging last week." he stated. "They're preparing to pave Rosemont (Avenue) next week."

Shikle reported that the City Garage has completed 164 repairs in July. Four city vehicles are due for service.

Councilman Paul Schaffer, Place 4, presented the Utilities Committee report.

Schaffer told the audience that the Cullman Wastewater Treatment Plant has repaired four gates, noting it is much safer and requires a key pass to be accessed.

He also stated that the Lake Catoma boat ramp and sidewalk are nearing completion. "They're very close to being done."

Council President Kim Hall, Place 5, presented the General Government Committee report.

"Our current average clearance rate in the courts is 107.88% in the month of June," she said. "Our pre-trial diversion entry for fiscal year 2026 is 48% defendants who have completed that program. There were five during the month of June."

For the rehab completion report she stated that four defendants were recognized for successful completion of a year-long rehabilitation program and no additional criminal defenses occurred within that time.

She said the Municipal Court, for the current fiscal year, collected $54,158.52 more than in fiscal year 2025.

Special event requests
Council members approved a special event permit for Grace Episcopal Church to host its Jingle Bell 5K and 1-mile Holiday Hustle, also known as the Christmas Carol Classic, on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The event will be held from 7:15-10 a.m. and will use Depot Park, public streets and sidewalks. Organizers estimated fewer than 500 people will attend.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism required the route to pass-through and be clear of Depot Park by 10 a.m. The Cullman Police Department required five officers for traffic control and public safety.

Event organizers will be responsible for coordinating and paying for any required city services.

The council approved the request unanimously.

The council also approved a special event permit for WellStone to host its Oktoberfest Run on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The event will include 5K and 10K races beginning at 8 a.m. The course will begin at Festhalle Market Platz and finish in front of Cullman City Hall.

Organizers estimated fewer than 500 people will attend. The Cullman Police Department required five officers for traffic control and public safety.

The council approved the request unanimously.

Next meeting
The next Cullman City Council meeting will be held Monday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. A work session will begin at 6. Both are open to the public.

Cullman County wins UA National Alumni Association Emerging Chapter of the Year

Jennifer Stroud
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The University of Alabama National Alumni Association held its annual Chapter Awards Dinner during the 2026 Chapter Leadership Workshop July 16-18, 2026. The Cullman County Chapter was named Emerging Chapter of the Year.

The Emerging Chapter of the Year award recognizes a chapter that has made an outstanding impact in a short amount of time through strong leadership and meaningful alumni engagement.

The leadership of the Cullman County chapter took on the challenge of re-establishing the chapter and rebuilding connections among local alumni.

The chapter successfully hosted a chapter launch party, followed by a basketball watch party, an alumni scholarship event at the Cullman County Public Library and a speaker event featuring UA President Peter Mohler. These events have helped build momentum, strengthen connections among local alumni, and establish a strong foundation for continued growth and success.

The National Alumni Association is a self-governed, nonprofit membership-based organization that serves The University of Alabama and its many alumni, students, parents, friends and fans.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Pictured at the NAA Chapter Awards Dinner, from left to right: Jordan Phillips, Amanda Bullard, John Bullard and Anisa Montgomery.

Inside look: Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts

Emily McMunn
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We were invited by the Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts program to attend a rehearsal for "I Am a Pilgrim: The Evolution of American Gospel Music" this week. The show, set to be staged July 23-25 on campus, will hit the big stage next month, when the group travels to Scotland to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The production features the history of gospel music, including shape-note singing, African American spirituals, Southern gospel and more.

While at the rehearsal we asked Ali Bess Chenault, ReAnna Rusk and Yvonne Wakaimba about traveling to Europe to perform.

Chenault said that this would not be her first time outside of the United States. "I had the privilege of going last year, but it's such a unique experience to get to go outside of the country and see, basically, just how different they are from Americans."

Rusk told us that this would be her first time out of the country; the furthest she's traveled was last March with the choir, when they performed in Washington, D.C. "I can't tell you how excited I am to travel to Europe and perform at the biggest arts festival in the nation. It's the highlight of my career so far."



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Ali Bess Chenault



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Yvonne Wakaimba

Wakaimba is a different story, as she's from Kenya. She said she's "been blessed enough to travel out of the country many times." She said, "When we first did our gospel show in 2022 I think, I went with the choir, then we went to Germany, Austria and Italy."

Wakaimba said she feels blessed to experience going to Europe again, with the same program and doing music that is close to her heart. She said she grew up singing in church from 8 years old. "It was a non-denominational Christian church in Birmingham, and we sang like older Black gospel music." From there Wakaimba went on to sing in school for 12 years. Now she sings with other aspiring artists on stage. "This show has truly helped to show all aspects of gospel music, and it really reaches my heart because I'm able to show people what helped me get into singing and music." Wakaimba said the music connects her more to her relationship with God.

Chenault grew up in a Baptist church, and her father was a pastor. She said she has embraced Christian music much of her life.

"I've never gotten to perform it in such a large setting." She continued, "It's been such a unique experience for me and also very – it's very homey to be brought back to that."

Rusk said she also grew up surrounded by Christian music. "In the car that's what we always had on, and it was mostly Southern gospel music."

She said the second half of the show resonates with her, where the performance showcases that particular type of music. "I'm really excited to learn more about it and perform it for all of my family."

Anniversary (from Front)

inseparable. They quickly got married.

Hobert and Nell raised five children, and they have 14 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren, with three more on the way this coming year! That's 68 direct decedents, plus their spouses.

Hobert and Nell's life has been a legacy of love and care for both their family and community, Beth said.

Hobert was a full-time pastor in Flint, Michigan, for 30 years and an interim pastor at several Cullman churches for another 30 years.

"He can still be found guest preaching at local churches and assisted living in Cullman County at the ripe age of 98!"

Nell was a stay-at-home mother to her children and a supportive pastor's wife. She sacrificed countless days and long hours as Hobert ministered to the community. Then she came alongside him in many ways as their kids grew and moved out.

"For years, you could catch a glimpse of the two of them walking hand in hand down the hallway of many Cullman County hospitals and nursing homes visiting, encouraging and praying for the sick and lonely."

Together, Hobert and Nell built a family, and "today they are still a beautiful example of what Christ-like love, servant leadership and faithfulness look like."



BETH KICKER

"Grandpa had preached as the guest speaker at Riverside Baptist Church on March 22, 2026. After the service, grandpa sat in a chair in the front and everyone got a chance to come shake his hand. Granny got in line, and she leaned over and gave him a kiss. She said, 'You did a good job, and I'm so proud of you.'"



BETH KICKER

Nell and Hobert Thomas in 2024. Their granddaughter Beth Kicker said, "My grandpa had bought her that dress in the 1950s or 60s. When I asked if we could do family photos with them, she said she wanted to see if she could still fit in the dress he had bought her so long ago. The smile on her face as she came prancing down the hall in it was priceless."



THIRD PUBLICATION ON JULY 23, 2026
PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026 @ 6:30 PM
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Good Hope, will hold a public hearing on 7/27/26 at 6:30 pm at Good Hope City Hall, 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 019-2026, Request to Re-Zone from GB to R2, will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Cullman Towing & Recovery Inc.
821 Al Highway 157
Cullman, Al 35058
Notice of Sale

Abandoned vehicle sale Cullman Towing & Recovery Inc., 821 AL Highway 157. Cullman, Al 35058 In accordance with Motor Vehicle Code 32-13-1, the following vehicles may be sold at 821 Al Highway 157, Cullman, AL, 35058, on Thursday August 27, 2026 to the highest bidder for purpose of collecting fees against said vehicle. Any Questions Call 256-734-0433.

2006 Subaru Legacy	4S4BP61C767346591
2025 Nissan Sentra S	3N1AB8BV1SY403180
2005 Ford Explorer Sport	1FMZU77K65UB14236

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GLENN WILSON,
Plaintiff

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

DONNA HARTZELL,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 2nd day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CARRIE COLEMAN,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-000148.00**

KEN COLEMAN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Ken Coleman, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Carrie Coleman's Divorce Complaint by September 7, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2026-000148.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 28th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
CARRIE COLEMAN
1642 COUNTY ROAD 362
CRANE HILL, AL 35033

STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY	*	CASE NO. PC 2026-132

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN KLEIN BAUMGARTNER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Patrick L. Klein and Rebecca K. Klein on the 21st day 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.

Patrick L. Klein and Rebecca K. Klein
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY	*	CASE NO. PC 2026-275

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE MARIE COLE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Michael Russell Gandy on the 14th 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 Russell Gandy
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Bill Floyd,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: CV 2026-900228

Debbie A. Sutton,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

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

Done this the 7th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SHAYLA RACHELLE BLAS,
Plaintiff

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

OMAR BLAS HERNANDEZ,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 25th day of June, 2026.

Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

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

STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN	*	CASE NO. AD 2026-025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
MICHAEL WAYNE PRUITT, II
TO ADOPT R.J.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JESSIE DAVID CUNDIFF, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF R.J.C BORN May 12, 2008

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt R.J.C. a minor child (born on May 12, 2008, to Sabrina Pridmore Cundiff Pruitt) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Michael Wayne Pruitt, II, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herewith the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF July, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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

Dean R. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
421 Third Ave SE, Ste. 245
Cullman, Alabama 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN	*	CASE NO. AD 2026-026

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
MICHAEL WAYNE PRUITT, II
TO ADOPT E.F.C. a minor child.

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Cullman County, AL
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JESSIE DAVID CUNDIFF, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF E.F.C. BORN February 28, 2011

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt E.F.C. a minor child (born on February 28, 2011, to Sabrina Pridmore Cundiff Pruitt) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Michael Wayne Pruitt, II, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herewith the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF July, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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

Dean R. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
421 Third Ave SE, Ste. 245
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF:	*	
MARY ELLA KIMBRIL SHIKLE,	*	**CASE NO.: PC2026-256**
Deceased.	*	

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to TRAVIS DARREN SHIKLE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY ELLA KIMBRIL SHIKLE, deceased, on the 20th day of July, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

Travis Darren Shikle
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 474-8883

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 20th day of July, 2026.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF	*	
HUBERT RUSSELL WALKER,	*	**CASE NO.: PC2026-274**
Deceased.	*	

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to NATHAN L. AYERS as Personal Representative of the Estate of HUBERT RUSSELL WALKER, deceased, on the 14th day of July, 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 will be barred.

Nathan L. Ayers
Personal Representative

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

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

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by George M Flanigan, Willie S Flanigan to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns dated September 25, 2006; said mortgage being recorded on September 29, 2004 in Deed Book 1490, Page 673 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to PNC Bank, National Association by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2162, Page 657 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on August 27, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Eight tenths (.8) of an acre, more or less, in the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 5, Township 13 South, Range 3 West and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Southwest corner of the said forty acre tract, thence North along the West line of the forty a distance of 151 feet, thence East 20 feet, thence North 36° 55' East 315 feet, thence North 21° East 210 feet, thence North 200 feet to an iron pin, which is the point of beginning of the property here conveyed, thence South 35° 30' East 229 feet, thence North 55° 55' East 222 feet, thence North 37° 35' West 104 feet thence South 85° 21' West 255.5 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to existing rights of way for public roads and public utility lines and poles.

Said property is commonly known as **273 Johnson Cir, Hanceville, AL 35077**.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description, the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. Bidders must perform their own due diligence. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

ATTENTION ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: On March 1, 2026, the data collection and reporting requirements under the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) new Anti-Money Laundering Rule (the "Rule"), found at 89 FR 70258, went into effect. The Rule applies to certain residential real estate sale transactions (including nonjudicial foreclosures) where the transfer is to a legal entity or trust, and which includes cash purchases, private financing or financing provided by an institution not subject to a federal Anti-Money Laundering or Suspicion Activity Report requirement. As part of this Rule, purchasers and sellers are required to provide additional information and documentation about themselves, their legal entities, and the source of funds used in the reportable transaction, if applicable.* The collection of this information and documentation is required to comply with the Rule's federal reporting requirements, if applicable. This notice is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. You are encouraged to consult with your own independent legal counsel if you have questions about how the FinCEN Anti-Money Laundering Rule affects your transaction and whether your transaction is reportable.

* The Rule is the subject of ongoing litigation in several jurisdictions. We suggest that you seek your own legal counsel if you have questions about the status of the Rule and its applicability to your sale, if any.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage, and (3) to confirmation that the successful bidder has timely provided all information required for reporting under the Rule, 89 FR 70258, if applicable.

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Melinda Kay Denson, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Harry Albert Perkins, deceased, on the 6th day of July, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Melinda Kay Denson
Personal Representatives

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

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

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

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

INVITATION TO BID

CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

East Side Park — Playground Project Bid Number: PW 2026-13

Sealed bids for the installation of a complete playground system, including synthetic turf safety surfacing with foam underlayment, integrated and cantilever shade structures, and all associated work at East Side Park will be received by the City of Cullman, Alabama, until 11:00 a.m. Central Time on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at the City Clerk's Office, Cullman City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 (mailed bids to P.O. Box 278, Cullman, AL 35056-0278). Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the City Hall. This is a public works project subject to the provisions of Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975. A two-step procurement process will be used. Bidders must first submit a Pre-Bid Design Submittal for review. Only responsive bidders will be eligible to submit a sealed lump sum bid. The project is funded as a whole or in part with federal financial assistance and is subject to 2 CFR Part 200 and the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). Bid documents, including the full Technical Specifications & Instructions to Bidders, are available for examination at the City Clerk's Office, Cullman City Hall, or by contacting Kyle Clark, Parks Director, at kclark@cullmanrecreation.org or 205.496.2039. Questions regarding the bid should be directed to Kyle Clark. All bids must be accompanied by a bid bond or other acceptable security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and meet all other requirements set forth in the bid documents, including Alabama General Contractor licensing, E-Verify enrollment, and BABA compliance. The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding process.

Wesley Moore, Cullman City Clerk
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
cityclerk@cullmanal.gov

LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 40
TO SET RATES FOR RETAIL SEWER SERVICES
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 Charges for sewer services provided by the City of Cullman shall be calculated on a billing period of approximately thirty (30) days or once each month and shall be based upon the quantity of water used.

SECTION 2 There are hereby established the following charges for sewage disposal service measured by quantity of water used, effective October 1st, 2026:

RESIDENTIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS	RESIDENTIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 10.00 plus $ 15.25 per 1,000 gallons	$ 20.00 plus $ 21.00 per 1,000 gallons
COMMERCIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS	COMMERCIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 20.00 plus $ 17.75 per 1,000 gallons	$ 40.00 plus $ 23.50 per 1,000 gallons
INDUSTRIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS	INDUSTRIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 50.00 plus $ 20.25 per 1,000 gallons	$ 100.00 plus $ 26.00 per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 3 There will be an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater, applied to all rates and fees included in this ordinance on every October 1st beginning on October 1st, 2027 unless the City Council passes a resolution to waive the inflation adjustment.

SECTION 4 All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 5 This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 6th day of July, 2026. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 6th day of July, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 41
TO SET RATES FOR RETAIL WATER SERVICES
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 Charges for water services provided by the City of Cullman shall be calculated on a billing period of approximately thirty (30) days or once each month and shall be based upon the quantity of water used.

SECTION 2 There are hereby established the following charges for water service measured by quantity of water used, effective October 1, 2026:

RESIDENTIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 10.00 plus $ 10.75 per 1,000 gallons

RESIDENTIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 20.00 plus $ 16.50 per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 20.00 plus $ 12.75 per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 40.00 plus $ 18.50 per 1,000 gallons

INDUSTRIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 50.00 plus $ 14.75 per 1,000 gallons

INDUSTRIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS
$ 100.00 plus $ 20.50 per 1,000 gallons

AGRICULTURAL RATE FOR POULTRY FARMERS
$ 20.00 plus $ 12.75 per 1,000 gallons

The "Agricultural Rate" is only applicable to poultry farmers that operate at least one poultry house continuously during the year. To receive the Poultry Farmers rate, poultry houses must be owned and operated by United States citizens.

SECTION 3 There will be an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater, applied to all rates and fees included in this ordinance on every October 1st beginning on October 1st, 2027 unless the City Council passes a resolution to waive the inflation adjustment.

SECTION 4 The provisions of this Ordinance shall not in any way affect the Wholesale Water Rate charged by the City, which rate is calculated annually as provided in the contracts between the City of Cullman and its wholesale customers.

SECTION 5 All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 6 This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 6th day of July, 2026. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 6th day of July, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 39
TO SET RATES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Beginning with the services rendered for the 1st day of October 2026, the following fees shall be charged by the City of Cullman, Alabama for the collection, transportation, and disposing of municipal solid waste and inert waste:

A. RESIDENTIAL.

There will be a $17.00 per month charge for the first container each additional will be an additional $10.00 per container, for once-a-week solid waste pickup, for each single-family residence, town house, condominium or other living quarters within the city limits of the City of Cullman. Provided that in apartment buildings or other buildings or residences where more than one family occupies and maintains separate apartments, a garbage container shall be provided to each family living in such building or residence, and each family shall pay the garbage fee required by this ordinance. All garbage and waste shall be placed in plastic bags in the city provided container. No trash or waste in any container, other than the city provided container, will be picked up by the City of Cullman. Excessive trash pickup at a residence may be charged an additional pickup fee at the discretion of the Sanitation Department.

B. RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING.

If a resident selects to utilize the optional residential single stream, once-a-week recycling service, each single-family residence will be charged $10.00 per month for the first container. Each additional container will be an additional $10.00 per container. This service is not available at commercial locations.

C. COMMERCIAL.

There will be a minimum charge of $70.00 for all commercial locations per month for all weekly solid waste dumpster pickup. At all Commercial locations the required service method is front load dumpsters except those locations determined by the Sanitation Superintendent that have been granted a written waiver due to space constraints that prevent the safe placement of the dumpster. At these locations there will be a minimum charge of $70.00 per month for weekly solid waste pickup in one 96-gallon cart for each office or business in the City of Cullman. If more frequent service is required, fees may be adjusted accordingly. All garbage and waste shall be placed in plastic bags in the city provided container. Under no circumstances will the cart service be provided to any restaurant or food establishment. No trash or waste in any container, other than the city provided container, will be picked up by the City of Cullman. Excessive trash pickup at a commercial office or business can be charged an additional pickup fee at the discretion of the Sanitation Department. At all locations that choose to share a FEL Container each business shall pay at least the commercial minimum but under no circumstances will the shared locations pay less than the listed dumpster rates in total.

D. DUMPSTER SERVICE.

DUMPSTER SIZE	COST PER HAUL	DELIVERY FEE
Two Yard Dumpster	$ 100.00	$ 65.00
Four Yard Dumpster	$ 150.00	$ 65.00
Six Yard Dumpster	$ 200.00	$ 65.00
Eight Yard Dumpster	$ 250.00	$ 65.00

E. ROLL-OFF SERVICE.

CONTAINER SIZE	PER DELIVERY	COST PER HAUL	DAILY RENT	TIPPING FEES
Twenty Yard Roll-Off Container	$ 130.00	$ 215.00	$ 8.00	Plus tipping fees
Thirty Yard Roll-Off Container	$ 130.00	$ 230.00	$ 8.00	Plus tipping fees
Forty Yard Roll-Off Container	$ 130.00	$ 250.00	$ 8.00	Plus tipping fees

F. RESIDENTIAL HOOK-LIFT CONTAINER SERVICE.

Twelve (12) Yard Residential Hook-lift Container shall be three hundred and fifty ($350.00) dollars. This service shall include three (3) day rental, three (3) ton maximum disposal for each trip. All extra days and/or disposal will be calculated at the rates stated above.

G. DUMP TRAILER SERVICE.

Eleven (11) Yard Dump Trailer shall be three hundred ($300.00) dollars. This service shall include three (3) day rental maximum, three (3) ton maximum disposal each trip. All extra days and/or disposal will be calculated at the rates stated above.

H. COMPACTOR SERVICE.

Minimum Monthly Rental Charge for a compactor is six hundred and twenty-five ($625.00) dollars plus hauling and disposal fees, which will vary at the discretion of the Sanitation Department.

SECTION 3. There will be an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater, applied to all rates and fees included in this ordinance on every October 1st beginning on October 1, 2027 unless the City Council passes a resolution to waive the inflation adjustment.

SECTION 4. This ordinance is adopted solely for the purpose of changing the fees for the collection, transportation and disposal of municipal solid waste and inert waste in the City of Cullman.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 6th day of July, 2026. /s/Kim Hall - President of City Council. **ATTESTED BY:** /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk. **APPROVED** this the 6th day of July, 2026. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor.


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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The importance of research and developing new treatments for pancreatic cancer

Sue Clements
Contributor

Dear Editor:

Anyone who has faced pancreatic cancer knows the statistics can be terrifying. Too often, patients are diagnosed late, and treatment options can feel limited. I've been fortunate, but I've also lost people I love to this disease.

When my family and I learned I had stage 3 pancreatic cancer, we understood — firsthand — that it was often treated as a death sentence. I lost my grandfather, uncle, and aunt to stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Each of them died shortly after diagnosis. My oncologist at MD Anderson told me I had 14–18 months. At that time, my hope was simple: that within that window, a new treatment would emerge and give me more time.

That treatment came. Abraxane — initially developed for breast cancer — was not yet approved for pancreatic cancer.

My insurance company approved it based on studies showing promise, and because of that decision, I'm still here 15 years later.

I was deeply encouraged to see recent news from the American Society of Clinical Oncology conference about a new treatment that doubled survival for some patients with advanced pancreatic cancer.

For families facing a diagnosis today, this is meaningful progress — more time with family and hope for even more advances to come. Hope matters.

Breakthroughs like this don't happen quickly or easily. They are the result of years of research, clinical trials, scientific investment, and persistent researchers who refuse to give up on pancreatic cancer.

As policymakers consider changes to our health care system, I urge them to remember what's at stake. Patients need affordable access to medicines today, and we also need the treatments that don't yet exist. The next breakthrough should already be in progress in a lab somewhere — waiting to become someone's new chance.

We should do everything we can to support innovation that offers hope to patients and their families.

Sue Clements
15-year survivor of pancreatic cancer
Crane Hill, Cullman County



Obituary Announcements: July 21-22

Roland Hankey, 74

Funeral Service for Roland Hankey, age 74 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Phillip Ashley officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Hankey passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at Cullman Regional. He was born July 19, 1952, to Betha Mikadore Hankey and Trillvia Lou Hancock Hankey. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Gail White, Margie Coots and Linda Hankey. Survivors include his wife, Mary Hankey; son, Tyler (Melody) Hankey; daughters, Charity (Ryan) Edwards, Ashley (Tony) Bryant; son, Roland Shea (Kristin) Hankey; daughter, Krystal (Kyle) Hankey; grandchildren, Colton Hankey, Jace Hankey, Rowsalee Hankey, Savannah Hankey, Albrie Bryant, Fisher Sharp and Sawyer Sharp; sister, Barbara Litz; special nephew, Robert Brock; friends, Phillip Ashley, Tom Ploppert, Richard Hunter and too many to name.

Fernando "Shorty" Aleman, 73

Funeral Mass for Fernando "Shorty" Aleman, age 73 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at Sacred Heart Church with Raul Dominguez officiating; burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Rosary service was at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, public visitation was from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home following the Rosary. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Aleman passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2026, at Cullman Regional. He was born Tuesday, March 31, 1953.

Susan Dawn Whitehead, 55

Funeral services for Susan Dawn Collins-Whitehead, 55, of Dora will be 2 p.m. Friday July 24th at Laodicea Freewill Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service at Laodicea Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday July 23rd from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Laodicea Freewill Baptist Church. Mrs. Whitehead was born Nov. 19, 1970, in Morgan County, Alabama to Bud and Mildred Collins. She passed away July 18, 2026, in Walker County, Alabama. Susan had a special love for the beach, where she found peace in the sound of the waves and joy in the warmth of the sun. She cherished every opportunity to spend time with her family, who were the center of her world. She adored children and had a natural gift for making them feel loved, valued, and safe. For many years, Susan found great fulfillment driving a school bus. She genuinely loved the children she transported each day and took pride in ensuring they arrived safely with a smile. Her caring heart and friendly spirit made a lasting impression on countless students and families. Susan also believed in enjoying life's simple pleasures. She loved treating herself to getting her toes and nails done, always appreciating those little moments of relaxation and self-care. She will be remembered for her warm heart, her dedication to her family, her love for children, and the joy she brought to those fortunate enough to know her. Though she will be deeply missed, her love and the memories she created will remain in the hearts of all who loved her. Susan leaves behind a family who will forever cherish her memory and strive to honor the love, kindness, and compassion she shared throughout her life. Mrs. Whitehead is survived by her husband, Adam Whitehead; children, Anna Whitehead Melton, Abram Whitehead, Abbie Whitehead; grandchildren, Aiden Melton, Maverick Melton; sister, Phyllis Collins; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Whitehead was preceded in death by her parents, Bud and Mildred Collins, and her brother, Bobby Collins. Serving as pallbearers will be Dalton Lee, Michael Holt, Branden Holliman, Terrell Vines, Grant McGill, and Taz Bartlett. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Whitehead family.

Winfred Seay, 70

Memorial service for Winfred Seay, 70, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026 at Calvary Baptist Church with Bro. Derald Briscoe officiating. Mr. Seay passed away Monday, July 20, 2026, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home assisted the family. Winfred was the first of five born to Fred and Jenny Lou Cornelius Seay. He was a talented wood worker and cabinet maker. He was a wonderful brother, husband, grandfather and was an exceptional father to Heather. He was a kind, caring brother. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Heather (Aundrey Flanigan) Seay; brothers, Walter (Linda) Seay, James (Donna) Seay, Fred Seay, Jr.; sisters, Melinda Seay Powell, Kim (Monty) Coty, Jill (Lance) Stidham; grandchildren, Damek Brown, Joshlynn Hanners; special friends, Patty and Derald Briscoe; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Lee Bryant, 68

Gregory Lee Bryant, age 68 of Athens, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2026, at his home. He was born on Nov. 12, 1957, in Decatur, Alabama to the late Dalton Lee Bryant and Gereldean Ryan Bryant. Gregory was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Cassandra Kuhn Bryant; daughter, Deborah (Richard) Cullum; sons, Shane Bryant and Daniel (Rachel) Faught; eight grandchildren; brothers, Stanley (Cindy) Bryant and Steven (Cindy) Bryant. The family will have a celebration of life service at a later date and time. Decatur Brown Service Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bryant Family.

James Loyd Gramann, 65

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of James Gramann, a proud graduate of Hayden High School's Class of 1979, who departed this life on July 21, 2026. A celebration of Jamie's life will be held at a later date. Details regarding the service arrangements, date, and time will be announced once finalized. Those who knew Jamie knows that he was a man full of life, whose presence brought joy to those around him. He cherished his family and friendships deeply and leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and countless memories. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, husband, and son, and he will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory be a blessing to everyone whose life he touched.

Johnny Ray Grantham, 63

Funeral services for Johnny Ray Grantham, 63, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Rev. Justin Smith will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for a viewing at Hanceville Funeral Home on Friday, July 24, from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Grantham was born on Nov. 30, 1962, in Chicago Heights, Illinois, to William H. and Betty Vincent Grantham. He died on July 20, 2026, at his residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Grantham Family.

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