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Cullman County woman facing animal cruelty charge after dog found starved to death

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County woman is facing a felony charge of aggravated cruelty to animals after being indicted by a grand jury for an incident that occurred Nov. 3, 2025.

Kristen Rachelle Nabors, 43, of Cullman was arrested after her dog was found starved to death and chained to a cross tie on her property along County Road 447.

Cullman County Animal Control Director Rodney Banister said the deceased dog was taken to a veterinarian for a necropsy.

"I want to thank Officer (Cooper)Harris and District Attorney Champ Crocker for their work on the case," Banister said. "I also want to thank (Sen.) Garlan Gudger for sponsoring Beau's Law, which will go into effect on Oct 1, 2026. This case is the very reason we need this law."

Beau's Law (Senate Bill 361) sets statewide minimum care standards for dogs kept outdoors in Alabama. It prohibits cruel tethering, including the use of logging chains, choke collars and pinch collars.

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

Kristen Rachelle Nabors

Cullman law enforcement leaders celebrate partnership with Crime Stoppers at annual luncheon



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Leaders from the Cullman Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff's Office attended the annual Crime Stopper of the Year Luncheon hosted by Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Solving crimes often begins with a single piece of information.

Whether it is a suspicious vehicle, the location of a wanted fugitive or details that help investigators connect the dots, anonymous tips from the public have become one of law enforcement's most valuable tools.

That partnership between residents and law enforcement was celebrated this week as leaders from the Cullman Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff's Office attended the annual Crime Stopper of the Year Luncheon hosted by Crime Stoppers of Metro Alabama.

Representing the Cullman Police Department were Chief Joey Duncan and Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson.

They were joined by Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Sheriff-Elect Chad Whaley and members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for the event, which recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to public safety through Crime Stoppers.

Held at the Finley Center in Hoover, the annual luncheon brings together law enforcement officers, elected officials, business leaders and community supporters from across Alabama to recognize the success of Crime Stoppers and the role anonymous tips play in helping investigators solve crimes and make communities safer.

This year's Crime Stopper of the Year honor was presented to Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin in recognition of his support for public safety initiatives and Crime Stoppers programs throughout the region.

For Duncan, the event served as a reminder that effective policing extends beyond the badge.

"Crime Stoppers plays a vital role in helping law enforcement solve crimes by encouraging citizens to safely and anonymously provide information that leads to arrests and makes our communities safer," Duncan said.

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Hanceville City Council welcomes new city clerk Teja McIntyre



EMILY MCMUNN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Arboreadum hosts local author Missy Gurley



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 24

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 24, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

July 20

- harassment; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 438
- trespassing; attempt to elude a law enforcement officer; resisting arrest; CR 1189
- dog bite; US. 31

July 21

- harassing communications; CR 1194
- domestic violence; CR 522
- harassment; CR 1338
- theft of property; CR 572
- harassment; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1625

July 22

- domestic violence; CR 1258
- harassment; Main St. Arab
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1202
- theft of property; Schwaiger Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 643
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; theft of property; CR 1513
- harassing communications; CR 1225
- harassment; CR 1720
- theft of property; CR 587
- harassment; CR 1059
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief; CR 1422
- possession of controlled substance with intent to distribute; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437

ARRESTS

July 20-22

Aldridge, Wesley D.; 38

- FTA – damaged property-criminal mischief
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500
- FTA – auto theft

Boykin, Wilma; 45

- FTA – driving while license suspended

Forbes, Derrick D.; 42

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Glass, Billy R.; 51

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Green, Christian B.; 34

- public intoxication

Hudson, Kevin; 50

- FTA – theft of services, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – theft-utility diversion

Lee, Elijah T.; 18

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Martz, Koltin C.; 25

- FTA – possession of amphetamine

Miller, Andrew E.; 57

- GJ – burglary-residence-no force
- GJ – theft of property-4th degree – other motor vehicle-does not exceed $500

Pierce, Katrina M.; 38

- attempting to elude a police officer
- resisting arrest
- criminal trespass

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

July 22

- theft of property; fraudulent use of credit/debit cards; person; wallet & contents, miscellaneous charges
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Mitchell Rd. NE
- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NW

July 23

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $67; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

July 22-23

Heatherly, Raymond C.; 50

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Harris, Hagen L.; 31

- possession of controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Cates, Sunee; 56

- DUI

Merritt, Miles C.; 28

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Hinds, Kayla B.; 25

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Martin, Vanessa R.; 40

- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Franklin, Christian Z.; 31

- FTA – driving without license

White, Jr., Terry R.; 54

- GJ – retail theft of property-2nd degree (2 counts)

Hetrick, Maggie H.; 18

- criminal mischief-2nd degree

Willingham, Kayla L.; 32

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Murphey, Heather L.; 35

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – driving while suspended

Odom, Kholeby S.; 21

- domestic violence—3rd degree – harassment

Bullard, Taylor F.; 20

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Dickey, Charles J.; 22

- FTA – fail to register vehicle

Bolden, Ashley N.; 38

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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





Gurley (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Earlier this month, Arboreadum Bookshop and Garden held a book signing event for local author, Missy Gurley and her book "The Front Porch."

"The Front Porch" is a collection of stories that have inspired and influenced Gurley throughout her life. They range from childhood memories to wisdom gained from family members.

Whether these memories were formed on a backyard swing, at a shared kitchen table or on a front porch, Gurley weaves a personal tale of the American South.

She also shares several cherished, handwritten recipes from loved ones with a note saying, "Hold them dear."

The recipes include biscuits, cookies and pies, with meaningful dedications to the original cooks and the tips they passed down through generations.

While the book is about her cherished memories, Gurley writes in a way that inspires readers to recount their own.

"The Front Porch" can be purchased on Amazon or from other online retailers. Find a list at www.missygurley.com. Discover more at www.goodreads.com/book/show/251275490.

Luncheon (from Front)

pers was founded on a simple idea: people are often willing to help solve crimes if they can do so safely and anonymously.

Today, Crime Stoppers organizations operate throughout the United States and internationally, providing anonymous tip lines that allow residents to report information without revealing their identities.

Tips can lead investigators to suspects, help recover stolen property, locate fugitives and provide critical evidence in cases ranging from property crimes to violent felonies.

Unlike a traditional police report, Crime Stoppers is designed specifically to protect the identity of the person providing the information.

Tipsters are assigned confidential identification numbers rather than providing their names, allowing investigators to receive valuable information while reducing concerns about retaliation.

In many cases, information submitted through Crime Stoppers has helped investigators solve cases that otherwise may have remained unsolved.

Depending on the program and the outcome of the investigation, anonymous tipsters may also be eligible for cash rewards when their information leads to an arrest or other qualifying result.

While the organization works closely with law enforcement agencies, Crime Stoppers is not intended to replace emergency services.

Officials remind the public that crimes in progress and emergencies should always be reported by calling 911.

Crime Stoppers is designed for individuals who have information about criminal activity but wish to remain anonymous while assisting investigators.

Duncan also emphasized the importance of the longstanding partnership between the Cullman Police Department and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"The partnership between the Cullman Police Department and the Cullman County Sheriff's Office continues to be one of our greatest strengths," Duncan said. "By working together and supporting programs like Crime Stoppers, we are better able to serve the citizens of Cullman and Cullman County."

That collaboration has become increasingly important as agencies routinely work together on major investigations, search efforts, fugitive apprehensions, narcotics enforcement and other public safety initiatives throughout Cullman County.

Crime Stoppers adds another layer to those efforts by giving residents a safe and confidential way to provide information that could help investigators develop leads, identify suspects or prevent future crimes.

The annual luncheon also highlighted the broader partnership that makes Crime Stoppers successful. Often described as a three-way collaboration between law enforcement, the media and the public, the program relies on community involvement to generate the information investigators need to solve crimes.

By encouraging residents to come forward anonymously, officials say Crime Stoppers has helped solve thousands of cases while strengthening relationships between communities and the agencies that serve them.

As the luncheon concluded, Duncan thanked the volunteers, supporters and residents who continue to make the program successful.

"Congratulations to all of this year's honorees, and thank you to everyone who supports Crime Stoppers," Duncan said. "Your commitment to public safety truly makes a difference."

For Cullman law enforcement officials, the luncheon served as more than an awards ceremony. It was a reminder that public safety is a shared responsibility and that the smallest piece of information from a community member can sometimes make the biggest difference in bringing justice to victims and making neighborhoods safer.

How to help

Anyone with information about criminal activity can submit an anonymous Crime Stoppers tip through the appropriate Crime Stoppers program by phone or through its secure online reporting system. Tipsters remain anonymous, and information that leads to an arrest may qualify for a cash reward under the program's guidelines.

Officials emphasize that anyone witnessing a crime in progress or facing an emergency should immediately call 911.







Hiring (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — General Dynamics Mission Systems has posted multiple new employment opportunities at its Cullman manufacturing facility over the past month, signaling continued growth at one of the area's largest aerospace and defense employers.

A review of the company's current career listings shows openings spanning manufacturing, quality assurance, machining and production planning. Several of the positions were posted in June and July, including additional openings within the past week.

Among the positions currently advertised are:

- Senior Manufacturing Operations Technician
- Senior Manufacturing Operations Specialist / Process Planner
- Senior Quality Technician
- Quality Supervisor
- Deburr Technician
- Masking Technician
- Lathe Machinist
- Manufacturing Technician

The hiring spans both hourly manufacturing positions and salaried professional roles.

According to General Dynamics Mission Systems, the company posted:

- Masking Technician on June 22, 2026
- Senior Manufacturing Operations Specialist / Process Planner on July 10, 2026
- Senior Manufacturing Operations Technician on July 20, 2026

Additional positions remain active through the company's careers website and other employment platforms.

The posted compensation reflects demand for skilled manufacturing employees.

Current advertised salary ranges include:

- Lathe Machinist: $28.52 to $30.59 per hour
- Senior Manufacturing Operations Technician: $27.10 to $29.72 per hour
- Senior Quality Technician: $27.10 to $29.72 per hour
- Manufacturing Technician: $31.98 to $35.07 per hour
- Senior Manufacturing Operations Specialist / Process Planner: $75,662 to $83,937 annually
- Quality Supervisor: $107,278 to $119,011 annually

Several of the positions require applicants to be eligible for a U.S. government security investigation, reflecting the company's work supporting national defense programs.

General Dynamics Mission Systems operates its Precision Structures & Optics facility in Cullman, where it manufactures high-performance precision components for aerospace, defense and other specialized applications.

According to the company, products manufactured in Cullman support targeting and acquisition systems, surveillance and reconnaissance missions, and are designed to withstand demanding military operating environments.

The company's Cullman operation has a long manufacturing history dating back to its predecessor operations before becoming part of General Dynamics. Today, the facility continues producing precision optical and structural components used in advanced defense systems.

While the recent hiring activity indicates continued investment in the Cullman facility, General Dynamics has not announced a specific expansion project associated with the new positions.

The current job postings, however, represent one of the largest publicly visible hiring efforts by a defense manufacturer in Cullman this summer.

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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
- 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 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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PREP FOOTBALL

West Point's Patterson hoping to help lead Warriors back to the postseason

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Another season of West Point football is near, and after making the playoffs last year, junior quarterback Max Patterson will look to help lead the Warriors to another postseason berth in 2026. The Warriors will bring over a handful of starters back from last season, and Patterson has been happy with how summer workouts have been going for them so far.

"We will use last season to help set a standard for the program to keep achieving," Patterson said. "We'll bring back seven starters from last season, not counting guys such as me and Carter McAfee, who had to start in games when our players went down. Summer workouts have been going good. We have been working to grow as a team. We have gotten a lot faster and have been trying to keep our bodies in healthy condition."

Max was around a lot of great seniors last season, and he took away so much from them. The past players have been helping Patterson with so many things, from game prepping to getting better as a player.

"I love all those guys to death. They were great players to play with. They showed me so much about the game. The biggest thing they taught me was that the first thing to winning is your mindset. You have to be mentally strong to play through any kind of situation. The seniors last year taught me so much about the game. It was awesome. The bond was really tight as a team. Hunter Hensley, our quarterback from two years ago, still helps me with game prepping and getting better as a player. Seeing the former players help me to this day means everything to me. I miss those guys every day. They played a huge part in my football career." Patterson said.

Patterson has some big goals set for himself and for the team in 2026, and God has played a huge role in his football career. His favorite Bible verse helps him get through every game.

"I hope to achieve all of my goals, such as 4A Offensive Player of the Year, taking my team on a playoff run, and getting offers to take my game to the next level," he said. "God means everything to me and my family. I try to do good by Him every day. Philippians 4:13 has been my pregame thing my whole life. My mom has made sure to tell me this before every game I have played."

Patterson has enjoyed playing with past and current players, and having a strong bond on and off the field will be key going into the new season. Faith has brought the team even closer together on and off the field.

"I have played with some awesome players, such as Cooper Howard, Hunter Hensley, Titan Thornton, Julio Fuentes, Nick Dujoud and I played behind Ayden Ennis last season. They helped me charge through the tough times in the games. They have kept a high motor all season, and they made/make the game awesome," he said. "It's the biggest part of the game. You have to work well with your teammates and have that chemistry. That's why I have full confidence throwing to all my receivers. Faith means everything to our team. We try to get better every day. We've had players share their testimonies after practice, and try to get everyone together. We grow in faith, and that brings us together as a team."

Max will look to create some more great memories with the team in 2026.

"We are looking forward to spending these last few moments as a team together, and enjoying every bit of it, while still trying to take our team on a run."



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West Point quarterback Max Patterson

McIntyre (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council at its July 23 meeting swore in new City Clerk Teja McIntyre. McIntyre replaces former clerk Tania Wilcox, who resigned earlier in the summer.

Mayor Nolan Bradford announced that he will continue negotiating with insurance brokers to obtain quotes for higher deductible limits on the city's buildings and vehicles. The council will consider the proposals at a future meeting.

The council adopted Resolution 2026-3, establishing a one-time retirement bonus of $1 for each year of service.

Discussion regarding the extension of the city's cell tower lease was tabled while City Attorney Dan Willingham conducts further review.

Council members approved increasing the Public Works Department's sign budget to $1,500 and agreed to set a more realistic budget goal for the upcoming fiscal year.

The council also approved declaring old fire equipment surplus. Hanceville Fire and Rescue will oversee the sale to secure the best possible value.

An older side-by-side utility vehicle was also declared surplus and approved for sale at $3,000. Combined with other surplus equipment, the city expects to generate a total of $9,798, which will be used toward the purchase of a new side-by-side.

Additionally, the council approved $1,500 for the Public Works Department to purchase a new bush hog.

The department's existing bush hog will be declared surplus once it is no longer needed.

The city is obtaining quotes for updated and modernized equipment for the municipal swimming pool.

Before adjourning, Bradford commended the Public Works Department for its dedication and hard work while serving the community in extreme weather conditions.

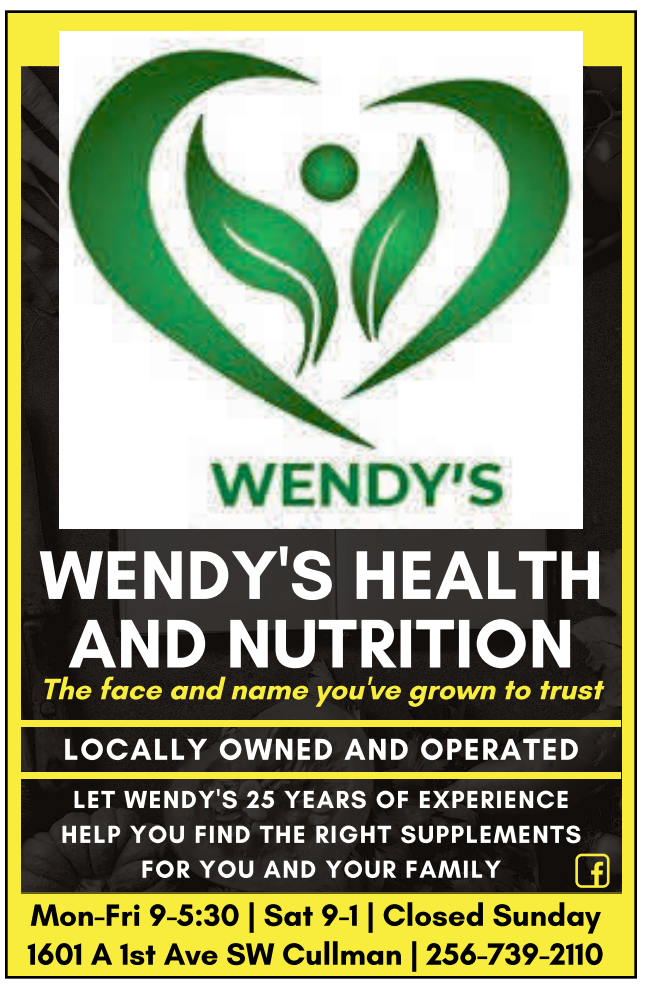
Next meeting

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 13, at Hanceville City Hall immediately following the work session at 6 p.m.

Woman (from Front)

have continuous access to adequate food, potable water and a proper shelter.

Nabors is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center.





Game (from Front)

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Curt's Closet is set to take on the Sprout Fiber Internet and Cullman Electric Cooperative team as they host a free charity softball game Thursday, July 30, at 6 p.m. at Champion Field at Ingle Park to support Curt's Closet's annual back-to-school drive. Community members are invited to attend, cheer on the teams and donate new or gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, including backpacks, along with new undergarments and socks, to help local children prepare for the upcoming school year. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

In addition to the game, the evening will feature raffles, prizes, giveaways and activities for children. Admission is free, concessions will be available and free popcorn will be provided.

"Our back-to-school season is one of the most important times of the year for Curt's Closet, when we serve over 1,500 kids during our back-to-school event," said Ashley Wilson, founder of Curt's Closet. "Seeing two teams come together, not just to play ball and have a good time, but to lift up local kids means more than I can put into words. This community makes sure no child walks into school feeling less than their friends."

Curt's Closet works to ensure local children and teens have access to clothing, shoes and other everyday essentials, while also providing assistance to families during emergencies. Wilson shared that community support through these events help make the organization's mission possible.

"We started Curt's Closet because we believe a child's circumstances should never define their potential," Wilson added. "Events like this one remind us just how much this community cares. Every donation that comes through that gate is going straight to a Cullman kid who needs it — and that means everything to us."

For more information about the event, contact Curt's Closet at 256-735-4557 or info@curtscloset.org.

To learn more about Curt's Closet or get involved, visit www.curtscloset.org.

Ingle Park is located at 1668 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman.



OmniPlex hosts Flip Trade Show

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Flip Trade Show made its way to Cullman OmniPlex earlier this month. The event brought 175 vendors with inventory spanning over 340 tables.

Vendors displayed merchandise such as comics, sports cards, Pokémon, video games, memorabilia and other related items. Several individuals were seen with bags filled with binders full of cards to sell or trade.

Michael Jensen with Gamer Geeks was among the many vendors. "We brought a big inventory of Pokémon. Just kind of showing off the pretty and cool cards," he said. "Part of the show is not just people coming and buying stuff, but people seeing stuff they love and are passionate about – sharing that passion with everyone."

He recognized Daniel Steelman, The Flip Trade Show organizer. "Daniel really cares about the community and he's done an amazing job of putting these shows together."

According to the event website, ""THE FLIP" is a trade show and marketplace for collectors of Sports Cards & Memorabilia, Autographs, Jerseys, Wax, Vintage, Trading Card Games (TCGS), Pokémon, MtG, Lorcana, POP Culture, Comics, Funko Pops, Currency & Coins, Video Games, Anime, NASCAR, UFC, F1, Wrestling, Hockey, Soccer and many more collectible categories! The selection of items will vary in each category."

Watch for upcoming events at thefliptradeshow.com.



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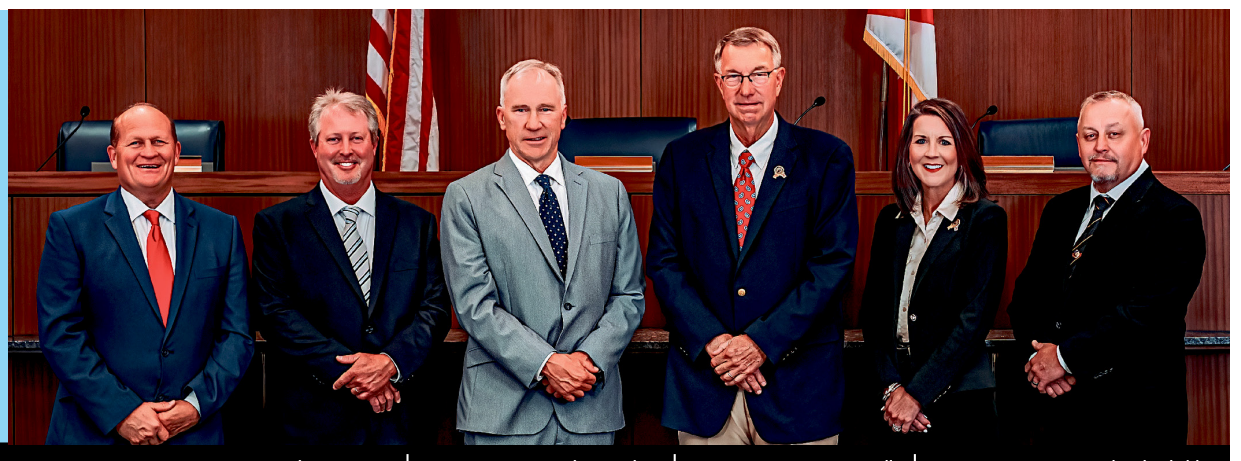
Cards at The Flip Trade Show



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette was spotted among the crowd.

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MomCo - Cullman launching Aug. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman's MomCo group will officially launch on Monday, Aug. 3. The gathering will be held at Northbrook Baptist Church from 9-11 a.m. The church is located at 3691 Alabama Highway 157.

Organizers Katie Bentley and Danielle Adams started MomCo as a way to offer community to mothers who need fellowship.

"Motherhood is hard. Mom friends help," they wrote on their social media page.

"We believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together," they emphasized.

When it comes to socialization in motherhood there has to be available childcare, schedule flexibility and the right time between your child's or children's daily routine.

MomCo is offering coffee and childcare during this gathering to allow the moms in attendance a chance to have that time to bond and relate to one another.

You can pre-register your little one for childcare (KidsCo) for this meeting at https://northbrookbc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1268321.

Organizers wrote the following: "We love MomCo Kids! Our goal is to take excellent care of them while you enjoy your time with other moms. We will engage with stories, songs, and age-appropriate play. Help us get to know you and your child! You can update your information at any time – just talk to your KidsCo leader."

Upcoming MomCo gathering details

- Monday, Aug. 3, 2026
- Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026
- Monday, Oct. 5, 2026
- Monday, Nov. 2, 2026
- Monday, Dec. 7, 2026

All gatherings will be held at Northbrook Baptist Church from 9-11 a.m.

"Each year MomCo chooses a theme, and this year is 'Good Company.' This theme emphasizes bringing back real, analog friendships over polished, curated social media connections," Bentley explained.

The "Good Company" theme was selected to provide a glimpse into a slower lifestyle, but the gatherings will not be reduced to, or centered around, analog-style parenting.

They will include practical teachings through guest speakers, videos and demonstrations.

"You'll get to have honest conversations with other moms who understand the joys and frustrations of motherhood," organizers noted.

To get more information, visit the MomCo - Cullman Facebook page.



BOOK REVIEW

'The Calamity Club' by Kathryn Stockett

Cathy Lay Mayor
Contributor

"The Calamity Club" was one of the most anticipated books of the year. It has been 17 years since Stockett's first book, "The Help," was published. "The Help" was wildly successful and was a wonderful movie as well. I certainly had high hopes that "The Calamity Club" would be just as riveting as "The Help."

The new novel is set in Mississippi during the 1930s, when money was tight and unemployment was high. Similar to "The Help," the novel centers around several strong female characters. The story is told by two separate narrators. Birdie Calhoun is headed to Oxford, Mississippi to find her newly married sister to ask for money to save the family farm. Meg Lefleur is an 11-year-old girl living at an orphanage near Oxford because her mother disappeared suddenly.

Birdie and Meg tell their stories but do not meet for several chapters. They finally meet through Birdie's sister Frances, who volunteers at the orphanage. Meg, whom the woman in charge of the orphanage considers a child who should not be adopted, is mistreated and underfed. She has just a few months before her 12th birthday. When she turns 12, she will be sent to work at the canning factory. This brief meeting is the extent of the connection between the two.

The novel takes a major turn about halfway through. Meg is adopted just before her mother shows up to take her home. And then Frances' husband runs away, taking all the family's valuables and leaving less than $100 for his wife and mother to live on. He has also defaulted on the mortgage and owes money all over town. Birdie realizes she will not be getting financial help from her sister's family. Frances, Birdie and her mother-in-law have to solve the family's financial problems. They must come up with a plan to make money.

Their solution, which includes Meg's mom, borders on the ridiculous. The remainder of the novel is about implementing their harebrained scheme.

This novel reads like two different books with very little in common. One thing that Stockett does a good job demonstrating is how hard it was for a woman to earn a living in the 1930s. Most jobs went to men. If a woman was hired, she was usually paid less than a man.

I guess it is obvious I am not a fan of "The Calamity Club." But, I am in the minority. It is very popular. So just because I did not like it, does not mean you should not read it.



LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
STEVEN LARRY WALRAVEN, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-262**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to ERIN AMBER ROSE as Personal Representative of the Estate of STEVEN LARRY WALRAVEN deceased, on the 7th 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.

Erin Amber Rose
Personal Representative

Greg Shelton
Shelton & Shelton
Attorneys at Law
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2026-268

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HENRY STEWART BEELER, JR., DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration With Will Annexed on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Rebekah Lili Speakman on the 8th 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.

Rebekah Lili Speakman
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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Notice is hereby given to all owners of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, statutes, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

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Cullman County
Special Education Program

Katie Meigs
Coordinator

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256-739-0486

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 1412 (a) (8), 1417 (c)) Sec. 300.573, the Cullman County Special Education Program is considering disposing of Special Education records of persons whose date of birth is prior to September 1, 2000. These records are no longer needed to provide educational services to said persons. If for any reason said persons or their guardians desire a copy, they should contact Katie Meigs, Special Education Coordinator, 17600 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, AL 35058, 256 -739-0486 Ext 3822 by October 1, 2026.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR., * **CASE NO.: PC 2026-044**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to HOLLY WOMMACK ALLEN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of FREDERICK DONALD MERHOFF, JR., deceased, on the 9th day of July, 2026, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Holly Wommack Allen
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: *
MARY RUTH FLANIGAN, * CASE NO.: PC2026-228
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to **SYLVIA FLANIGAN TURNER**, as Personal Representative of the Estate of **MARY RUTH FLANIGAN**, deceased, on the 17th day of July, 2026, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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Sylvia Flanigan Turner
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JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION THE PETITION OF WILLIAM JOHNSTON and LOIS JOHNSTON, FOR THE ADOPTION OF

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: LUCAS EDWARD PAYNE, BOILOGICAL FATHER WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

Please take notice that a *Petition for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption of Child* to adopt X.I.P. a minor child born on August 23, 2012, to Melissa Leigh Bates Wilson, was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by William Johnston and Lois Johnston, 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, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 22nd DAY OF July, 2026.

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

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for the Petitioners
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, Al 35055

Caitlyn Robinson
(PLAINTIFF)
VS CASE NO: SM-2026-900433
David Keith Chandler III
(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), David Keith Chandler III, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Caitlyn Robinson, for $3,400.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: Money provided defendant for rent

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 5th day of September, 2026, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 24th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOSHUA WILLIAM ROBERTS,
Plaintiff

vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2026-900148.00**

VALARIE ROBERTS,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Valarie Roberts, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Joshua William Roberts' Divorce Complaint by September 7, 2026; or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-OR-2026-900148.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the ,8th day of July, 2026.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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215 MAIN AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A trip that took me back in time

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



My memories were transported back more than half a century ago, even before I ever smelled the scent that firmly landed me there. I began my journey down memory lane the moment I saw those white bottles.

Jean and I were in an antique store in downtown Woodbury, Georgia. The small town of less than 1,000 residents has become a favorite destination of ours in recent years. One reason we love to go there is because we enjoy antiquing and Woodbury has several good antique stores.

Plus, if you're there at lunchtime, Doodlum's BBQ is good for a bite. The name alone makes it worth visiting, but the BBQ does not disappoint.

Another reason we love to visit Woodbury is that The Shed at Fitzgerald Fruit Farm is nearby.

The fruit there is good and the peach ice cream is even "gooder." (Yes, I do know better).

The fried peach, apple and sweet potato pies sold outside are a tasty temptation, too. We usually stop by The Shed on the way to Woodbury, or on the way back from Woodbury...and sometimes both!

Between the ice cream stops, we shop. Sometimes I find things in the antique stores that I can rebuild, refinish or repurpose into something else.

I'm always looking for something I can use to build a stringed instrument. My favorites are old cigar boxes, cans or tins. I also love to find old pieces that remind me of years gone by.

I can spend hours looking at old vinyl records. I grew up on vinyl. I didn't have much money when I was growing up, but I loved to waste much of what I did have on records. I find many of those same old recordings in the antique stores now, but not for the same prices I paid for them back them.

Seeing those album covers transports me back to my bedroom where I would sit beside my record player with guitar in hand. I would try to play along until I finally figured out all the chords... well, most of the chords.

When I saw those two white bottles, they took me back to the 1960s. The oblong bottles were about 4 inches tall.

The top of the neck narrowed up to an aluminum top that had a grey pop-in plastic plug to seal the hole.

The front of the bottles had a blue sail ship on them with either cologne or aftershave written under the ship in red print letters. Have you figured out yet what was written above the ship? There, in red cursive letters, were the words "Old Spice."

Old Spice was my dad's brand. Long before there was any obvious need for me to shave, I still slipped a few splashes of Dad's smell good stuff.

It wasn't "aftershave" for me, because I had not shaved. I should have called it "Before I am old enough to shave" lotion. I can still feel the sting of that stuff as it sizzled on my tender young skin. Then I was glad I had not shaved first!

I had not sniffed that smell for more than half a century, but before I ever uncorked that antique bottle,

I smelled it in my memory. I was not surprised or disappointed when I took a sniff. I almost cried when I lifted out that plug top and inhaled my long late Dad's smell.

In my mind, I could imagine him with a sly grin on his face and asking me, "Son, are you old enough to shave yet?" That mental image alone made the trip well worth my time!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com.

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: July 25, 1957

From the files of July 25, 1957

Etha Community News
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams and sons, of Flint, Michigan are spending their vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Keller, Sr.

Miss Carol Sue Kelley is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dan Blalock in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Taft Powell.

Mrs. Charlie Smith of Bowdon, Georgia called on Mr. and Mrs. O. W. South recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Buckelew and Karen, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Buckelew and Rickey visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bucklew, near Battle Ground last Sunday.

Revival services will begin here the second Sunday in August. The Rev. Gilbert Speake of Cullman will be the evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Panter, Mrs. Gladys Brock and T. B. Veal are spending their vacation at Red Boiling Springs, Tenn.

Eunice Buckelew is spending this week with relatives in this community.

Hulaco Activities
Leon Hughes, Joppa Mail Carrier, is ill in Arab Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Walker are vacationing in the Smokey Mountains in N. Carolina this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughie Hester and Ann Carrol visited relatives in Gadsden last weekend.

The Vacation Bible School began at Ryan Baptist Church Monday P. M. The enrollment was 70.

The Revival will begin at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church the 4th Sunday in July. The pastor, Rev. Brown, will be preaching. Everyone is invited to attend all services, and on Saturday before the 4th Sunday everyone is requested to bring sling blades or mowers and help clean the Church cemetery.

John Wright of Birmingham is spending a two weeks vacation here. He is working on his new house.

Mrs. Luey McKee honored the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Brisco, with a shower at her home last Thursday P. M.

New Jersey Man In Cullman Today
Arriving in Cullman today was Everett M. Keen, a New Jersey manufacturer of poultry equipment, who is planning to move his plant to Cullman, probably about Feb. 1 of next year.

The plant here would employ 100 within a year with a payroll of $12,000 to $15,000 per month.

Mr. Keen is discussing with Chamber of Commerce officials the proposed move of his plant.

North Vinemont News
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Max Wilhite and daughter of Birmingham visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Wilhite, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Dunkin and girls visited Mrs. Eron Bradford Thursday afternoon.

James Corley, Alton Lawrence, Hollis Wilhite and Carlis attended the car races in Birmingham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carlton and girls of Birmingham visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Drake Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moon and Harold of Gold Ridge and Mrs. Albert Powl, Randy and Deana of Miami, Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lawrence and children enjoyed making ice cream with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Drake and children Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gray and girls visited Mr. and Mrs. John Gray at Good Hope Sunday.

Cullman Children Win Jasper Show Prizes
Three Cullman children won prizes at the Jasper Pony Show last Saturday night.



With his pony, "Corvette," Phillip Clemmons won first in the pony roadster class and his sister, Linda, with her "Peter Rabbit" won fourth. They are children of Dr. and Mrs. L. H. Clemmons.

Elizabeth Ann Roden, 7, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Roden, won second prize in the pony riding class. Her pony, 38 inches tall, is named "Minnie Pearl".

The Clemmons children also presented an exhibition, Pony Fancy Turnout, with "Country Cousin" pulling the buggy over which fell a fancy skirt and with the driver in top hat and tails.

Mrs. Clemmons had designed and made this fancy "rig", which she says took her two months.

POET'S CORNER

Writing in the Sand

By: Randy C. Hale

What did Jesus write
in the sand that day,
while men gathered
with their prey?

Did He write in prose
something that they knew?
Was it a message that
pierced them through
and through?

Or was it just a doodle, a
cartooning display.
Showing no interest in
their motive that day.

Then He spoke with authority,
and gave a stern command.
Then returned to His drawing
of writing in the sand.

"Let He among you
without sin, cast the
first stone."
Condemnation fell as
He turned and wrote.

So she closed her eyes,
almost feeling the pain.
But the crowd went silent
and nothing thrown ever came.

Then there was the
sound of thumps,
rocks dropping on the ground.
And she opened her eyes,
but only Jesus she found.

The crowd soon departed,
left the woman standing there.



Jesus looked upon her,
soon ending her despair.

"Where are thine accusers?"
She said, "They are gone."
I imagined that she trembled,
standing there alone.

And Jesus forgave her,
bringing freedom in her heart.
"Go and sin no more," for her
a brand-new start.

And what of that writing,
in the sand, I do not know?
Perhaps it was just a doodle,
or truth in dusty prose.

Many thanks to Renee Green for the inspiration for stanza 6 and 7

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

JULY 25

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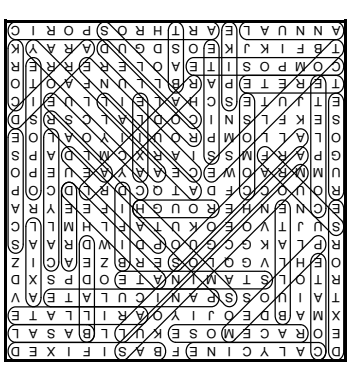
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

JULY 25

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Supporting local veterans: Devil Dawgs Concessions

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Joe Brown, a retired Marine, started his business back when he was active duty. He's the owner of Devil Dawgs Concessions.

"We just started with a hot dog cart. Something that was easy – hot dogs, nachos – because I was active duty in the military, and I was just doing this part time," he said. "And then when I retired, we started the food truck, and now we've got two food trucks and a coffee trailer."

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"We take pride in bringing you only the best ingredients based on what is available. Our customers take home an experience that makes them come back for more! Their raving reviews with flying colors is a testament of our commitment and passion to let our food speak for itself and leave it up to your pallet to sit back and enjoy the ride. If you like to bring this experience to your own event, we are completely self-contained to serve your events with the best in class treats right where you are.

"So indulge in our America's favorite fun concession foods inspired by authentic and creative family recipes inspired from Joe's military service and hometown recipes, re-invented with a modern twist. -Devil Dawgs Concession Inc."



Obituary Announcements: July 23-24

Sarah Ann Stallings Owen, 89
Sarah Ann Stallings Owen, age 89, of Vinemont, Alabama, died on July 19, 2026, surrounded by family at Woodland Village Rehab Facility in Cullman, Alabama. Born in Newnan, Georgia, in 1937, Sarah was the cherished daughter of the late Willis Hammond Stallings and Elma Jackson Stallings. She was a proud graduate of Newnan High School's Class of 1954 and Emmanuel College's Class of 1958. Her dedication to learning continued throughout her life, and she later earned a second degree from Samford University in 1988. Sarah began her career as a switchboard operator with AT&T in Greensboro, North Carolina, and at University Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Through her commitment and talents, she went on to serve as Director of Communications for Baptist Health System. She enjoyed a rewarding career before retiring in 1999. She found great joy in music, especially the songs of Elvis, and loved sharing her beautiful voice with others. While attending Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, she was a proud member of The Emmanuel Singers, the college's premier touring choral and worship ensemble. The group frequently performed at churches and events throughout the Southeast, creating many special memories along the way. After graduating, she continued her love of singing as a devoted member of the choir at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church. She also enjoyed cooking, reading, and traveling with her husband. Her signature dessert was a homemade chocolate pound cake, complete with rich, made-from-scratch frosting. At home, she could often be found watching NCIS, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, or Dancing with the Stars, and she delighted in completing countless crossword puzzles throughout her life. She lived a life characterized by quiet grace, unwavering patience, and a deeply compassionate spirit. She approached every day with a warm smile and an open heart, creating a home that was a true sanctuary of love for her family. She will be remembered for her listening ear, her gentle wisdom, and her ability to make everyone around her feel valued and safe. She was preceded in death by her parents, Willis Hammond and Elma Jackson Stallings; her sister, Jean Nix; and her brother, Willis Stallings. She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Maxrell Lewis Owen of Vinemont, Alabama; her son, David (Staci) Owen of Pleasant Grove, Alabama; and her daughter, Beth (Shane) Murphree of Springville, Alabama. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer (Christian) Tyler of Hayden, Alabama, Jordan Murphree of Vestavia Hills, Alabama, Kimberly (Austen) Merchant of Steele, Alabama, Jackson (Olivia) Murphree of Steele, Alabama, and Jacob and JoAnna Murphree of Springville, Alabama; her great-grandchildren, Andrew, Zachary, Maci, and Haiden Tyler of Hayden, Alabama, Morgan Merchant and Margaret Murphree of Steele, Alabama; as well as several beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Serving as pallbearers will be Jackson Murphree, Jacob Murphree, Andrew Tyler, Zachary Tyler, Christian Tyler, and Austen Merchant. The service was Friday, July 24, 2026, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of The Cullman Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Rodgers and Bro. Roger McManus officiating. Graveside Service and Interment followed at the Old Rugged Cross Garden of Jefferson Memorial Gardens East in Trussville, Alabama. The family will receive friends from 11a.m.-1p.m. at the funeral home.

Diane Patterson Entrekin, 75
Diane Patterson Entrekin, born June 28, 1950, in Lawrence county, Alabama to Edward Esco and Barviedeene Hendrix Patterson, passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at the age of 76. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Riverside Cemetery in Walter, Pastor Heath Tinker officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. She leaves behind a legacy of love. Compassion, hard work and an unwavering faith in God. She loved her church and has been a member of Kingdom Life at Simcoe for 39 years. She taught children's Sunday school for many years. One of her proudest endeavors was being the house mother at the Pilot Light Shelter for four years. In this role, she was able to take care of and plant seeds of faith for over 200 local children with many of these accepting Christ as their Savior and some being baptized. Following in her mother's example, she would pray for you any time, any where. It didn't matter where she was or who was watching. No matter how she was feeling, she would always say that she was blessed. Her family and friends were her greatest joy. She always looked forward to the outings with her senior class. She loved with all of her heart. Heaven truly gained an angel. While her family is deeply saddened by her earthly loss they find peace in knowing that she has received her heavenly rewards and is reunited with those who left before her, her parents; sister, Vicky Glispie; brother, Steven Patterson; sister-in-law, Rena Patterson; son-in-law, Matt Osborn; husband, Roger Entrekin. Left behind to cherish her memories are her son, Allen (Teresa) Entrekin; her daughter, Stacy Osborn; grandchildren, Dylan (Alaina) Entrekin, Caleb Entrekin, Tracy (John) Jackson, Keith (Sabrina) Jackson; brother, James Patterson; sister, Kathy Patterson; brothers-in-law, Howard Glispie and Tim (Brandy) Entrekin, and a host of other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends and her beloved fur son, Tom Kitty The family would like to extend their most profound gratitude to all that participated in her care. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

David Ray Douglas, 63
David Ray Douglas, 63, peacefully passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on July 14, 2026, surrounded by the love of those who held him dear. David was born on Aug. 17, 1962. He was a proud United States Marine who served his country with honor and carried the values of dedication, strength, and integrity throughout his life. Following his military service, David built a career as an electrician, where his strong work ethic and skill earned the respect of those who knew and worked alongside him. He was a man who enjoyed life's simple blessings, especially watching and photographing beautiful sunsets. He found peace in nature's beauty and had a special gift for appreciating the quiet moments that many overlook. More than anything, David cherished his family. His greatest joy came from spending time with his beloved grandsons, Walker, Weston, and Warner. Whether sharing laughter, making memories, or simply being together, they brought immeasurable happiness to his life. He always enjoyed attending awards ceremonies, archery tournaments, football games, or any other activities the boys were involved in. David is survived by his loving partner of 18 years, Shelia, whose unwavering love and companionship meant the world to him. He also leaves behind family and friends who will forever treasure the memories they shared with him. David will be remembered for his kind heart, quiet strength, unwavering devotion to those he loved, and the lasting impact he made on everyone fortunate enough to know him. Though he is no longer with us, his love, his service, and the memories he created will continue to live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind. Memorial service and visitation for David will be Tuesday, July 28, 2026, from 5-7 p.m.at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Minister Steven Sutter officiating.

Kelton Faye Micciche, 80
Funeral services for Kelton Faye Baker Micciche, 80, was 11 a.m. Friday July 24th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Rev. Bruce Ellard, with music by Phillip Hicks. Visitation was prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home, family may arrive at 9:30 a.m. for visitation. There will be a private burial at Duck River Cemetery. Kelton Faye Baker Micciche passed away on July 16, at 9 a.m. in Sellersville, Pennsylvania from complications from an ongoing illness. She is survived by her daughter Meredith Cox; granddaughter Gianna Cox; nephews, Lee Baker and Jason Baker; and a host of cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Peter Micciche; her parents, Eric and Rachel Baker; and her brother, Max Baker. Kelton grew up in Walter, Alabama and graduated from Holly Pond High School. She attended Jacksonville State University and taught many years in the Pennsylvania school system, where she retired from. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, aunt, and cousin and also loved by all who knew her.

Kathy Lauren Kirby, 64
Funeral Service for Kathy Lauren Kirby, age 64 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Welcome Baptist Church with Seth Hesterly officiating; burial at Welcome Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at Welcome Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Kirby passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at Cullman Regional. She was born, April 5, 1962, to Daniel H. Henry and Paula Waldrep Henry. Kathy proudly served in the United States Army as a young woman, beginning a lifetime of service that continued through more than 25 years as a defense contractor. She was a faithful member of Welcome Baptist Church and an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Those who knew Kathy knew the things that brought her joy. Classic rock, played loud. Dogs; there was rarely a time her home was without one. Cheering for Auburn, especially in a family full of Alabama fans. An avid reader who was never far from a good book. She enjoyed sharing those interests with family and friends and was always ready for a good conversation about the things she loved. She was preceded in death by her father, her son, Jeremy Wayne Kirby and grandson, Evan Dennis Crow. Survivors include her husband, Dennis Kirby; daughters, Lauren Elizabeth Crow (Adam) and Shannon Nicole Clore (Joe); son, Zach Lee Kirby (Julianna); grandchildren, Tyler Adam Crow, James Roy Clore, Ainsley Mae Kirby, Sienna Reese Clore; mother, Paula Waldrep Henry; sister, Susan Pauline Henry; brother, Daniel B. Henry.

Dorothy Jeanette Davis, 96
Dorothy Jeanette Davis, age 96 of Crane Hill, passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at her residence. She was born, July 21, 1930, to Harold L. Weeks and Luna M. Collier Weeks. Jeanette graduated from Sacred Heart Academy and was the owner of Weeks Motor and Grocery in Cullman for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William A. "Bill" Davis; brother, Bert "Wayne" Weeks and her sister, Dorothy Marie Weeks. Survivors include her sons, Steven (Michelle) Davis and Alan E. (Sheila) Davis; daughters, Tina (Rickey) M. Davis Reid and Donna L. Davis; brother, Harold "Layne" (Judy) Weeks; grandson, Trey Davis; great grandchildren, Daemon Davis, Lakin McBee and Carley Davis and her beloved cats, Katie Mae & Mr. Mister. A graveside service will be announced at a later time. In Lieu of flowers she asked that donations be made to the cemetery fund at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cullman, AL or Hospice of North Alabama.

Chad Allen Quattlebaum, 47
Chad Allen Quattlebaum, 47, was born on Aug. 7, 1978, in Decatur, Alabama, and passed away on July 21, 2026, after a long battle with health issues. Chad's life was marked by a steady resilience and a kind-hearted spirit—one that kept reaching for joy, laughter, and connection, even when the road was hard. Born to Greg and Janice Quattlebaum, Chad grew up with a love for people and a gift for bringing lightness into everyday moments. He attended West Point High School and was an avid fan of Alabama Football. Chad enjoyed life even if it was a little different than some others. He enjoyed his Special Ministry class at Shoal Creek Baptist Church, which he had been involved in for many years. He was also involved in Special Olympics Alabama for many years. In 2016, he was a member of Team Alabama competing at the 2006 Special Olympics USA Games in Ames, Iowa, where he competed in bowling. In 2011, he switched over to golf and in 2018 was able to represent Team Alabama in Seattle, Washington, to compete with his brother, Todd, as his partner—an experience that reflected both Chad's determination and the closeness he shared with family. He didn't always win, but he always had fun, and that joyful outlook—paired with his warm humor—made every trip, tournament, and gathering better simply because he was there. Beyond competition, Chad enjoyed archery, going to Disney, and other church trips—pursuits that fit his spirited way of embracing life and making the most of each day. Chad was preceded in death by his father, Greg Quattlebaum, from whom he got his love of golf; his grandparents, Charles and Virginia (Mewbourn) Quattlebaum, Junior and Mary (Bullard) Roberts. He is survived by his mother, Janice Quattlebaum; brother, Todd (Kristie) Quattlebaum; and nephew, Tyler Quattlebaum. A host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends also survive him. The family will receive friends on Monday, July 27, 2026, from 10 a.m. until the Celebration of Chad's life, which will begin at noon at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Sheila Jean Loyd, 76
Sheila Jean Loyd, age 76, passed into the arms of her dear Savior on Thursday, July 23, 2026, surrounded by her family at her residence. She was born on Dec. 13, 1949, to Earl and Alice Haynes. Sheila is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Gerald Haynes. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Loyd; sons, Chris Loyd, Trent (Misty) Loyd; her only grandson, Bentley Loyd and sister-in-law, Joyce Haynes, along with several cousins, nieces and nephews. Sheila Jean Loyd was a homemaker and a member of Flint Creek Baptist Church. She enjoyed being a VBS director and/or teacher at various local churches over the years. Sheila enjoyed her free time praying for those in need and for her family. Sheila enjoyed the beautiful Smoky Mountains and the rolling hills of Tennessee. She was an avid Auburn and Tennessee fan (guess orange was her favorite color). Sheila enjoyed taking pictures, crafts, antique collecting, sitting on her front porch rocking chair, but over the last six years she has enjoyed spending time with her precious grandson, Bentley. In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to St. Jude Children's Research or Samaritan's Purse. Services will be held Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Center Grove Cemetery, Rev. John Garrison and Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Pallbearers will be Gary Horn, Chad Hawkins, Mike Bowling, Jason Bowling, Greg Haynes, Matt Carroll, Rusty Jennings, Darren Shikle. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com. A family meal will be at Gold Ridge Community Center after burial.

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