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SPECIAL TO THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell (center), Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs (left) and former Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer (right) participated in the "Partnership to Strengthen Alabama Communities: A Cullman Case Study" presentation during the Economic Development Association of Alabama Summer Conference. Boswell invited Jacobs and Greer to discuss Cullman's experience using ADECA grant programs to complete community and economic development projects. »

Ballin' Like a Bulldog



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The fourth annual Ballin' Like a Bulldog Youth Skills Camp was held at Hanceville High School July 23-24, 2026. The event was hosted by B&D Construction and organized by Hanceville resident Brittani Coker.



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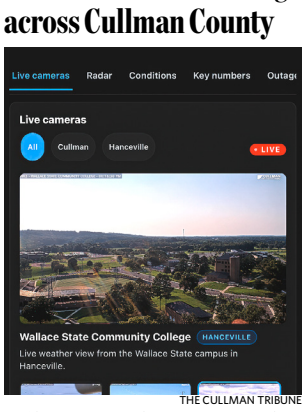


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Left to right are April Stanford, Kevin Allison, Brenda Allison, Linda Turner and an unidentified woman.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 27

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 27, 2026. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
July 23
- theft of property; CR 399
- violation of protection order; CR 1059
- theft of property; CR 109
- harassing communications; CR 1059
- domestic violence; Stadium St. SE Hanceville
- burglary; Main St. NW Hanceville

July 24
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- assault; CR 1810
- menacing; CR 1226
- theft of property; CR 573
- domestic violence; CR 565
- theft of property; Main St. SW Hanceville
- domestic violence; CR 565
- theft of property; CR 110
- domestic violence; CR 19
- reckless endangerment; menacing; assault; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; Handley Ln.
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB MM 302

July 25
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Self Ave. NE Hanceville
- domestic violence; theft of property; CR 1400
- theft of property; CR 1701
- domestic violence; CR 1699

July 26
- harassment; CR 803
- harassing communications; CR 1660
- harassment; CR 1197
- domestic violence; violation of protection order; CR 1850
- criminal mischief; trespassing; 3rd St. SW Garden City
- theft of property; CR 1545

ARRESTS
July 23-26
Allen, Wesley H.; 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Bentley, Kenneth W.; 45
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Cofer, Maggie J.; 22
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Collier, Christopher D.; 43
- burglary-residence-no force
- sexual abuse-1st degree

Denney, Jefferey A.; 37
- FTA – public intoxication

Dickey, Charles J.; 22
- auto theft

Dixon, Kayci T.; 33
- GJ – receiving stolen vehicle

Ford, Marcus A.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – family offense-NS non-support-child

Fuller, Kagun D.; 30
- FTA – financial exploitation of the elderly-1st degree
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Kirkland, Jennifer M.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Massey, Corina L.; 25
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of methamphetamine
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McKinnon, Roger K.; 28
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Murphey, Heather L.; 35
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Norris, Joseph M.; 24
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Peace, Charles D.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Perkins, Tracie R.; 52
- criminal trespass

Thornton, Lucas G.; 19
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

White, Isaac S.; 29
- FTA – assault-child bause-simple-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
July 22
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; purse & contents

July 23
- doxing; person
- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $18,000
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $26; Olive St. SW

July 24
- theft of property-4th degree; Monograms Plus; general merchandise; $242; Main Ave. NE
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; phone, cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $138; Hwy. 157

July 25
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $237; Hwy. 157
- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-4th degree; criminal mischief; person; miscellaneous, damaged window; Sharpton Rd. NE

July 27
- criminal mischief-1st degree; theft of property-1st degree; Spectrum; cable; CR 469

ARRESTS
July 24-25
Stone, Zena C.; 32
- harassment

Clay, Jeffery L.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Flores, Mynor M.; 26
- theft of property-4th degree

Denney, Jefferey A.; 37
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Miller, Rylan C.; 18
- burglary-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree

Campbell, Owen B.; 19
- burglary-3rd degree

Flowers, Melissa M.; 18
- burglary-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Coverage (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In Alabama, weather can change quickly.

A clear road can become covered by heavy rain. A quiet afternoon can turn into a severe weather threat. A winter weather event can make conditions different from one community to the next.

That is why The Cullman Tribune created Tribune Weather Command.

The platform was built as a local public-service tool to help residents and visitors see real-time conditions across Cullman County before, during and after weather events.

Tribune Weather Command, available at www.tribuneweathercommand.com, brings several local weather and safety resources into one place, including:
- live weather cameras
- current conditions
- radar
- outage information
- storm shelter locations
- weather safety resources
- important emergency and utility numbers



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The goal is not to replace official alerts from the National Weather Service, Cullman County EMA, law enforcement, fire departments, schools or other emergency officials.

The goal is to give the public another way to see what is happening.

Radar can show where a storm is moving. Alerts can tell residents when a warning has been issued. Weather cameras can help show what conditions look like on the ground.

That can matter when someone is deciding whether to leave work, pick up a child, travel across the county, check on road conditions or wait until a storm has passed.

The next phase of Tribune Weather Command will expand that visibility.

The Tribune has received a commitment from a delegate to sponsor 36 additional weather cameras. Once installed, those cameras will allow live views in communities across Cullman County.

The expansion would help residents and visitors check conditions in places such as Cullman, Hanceville, Good Hope, West Point, Holly Pond, Vinemont, Baileyton, Fairview, Dodge City, Colony, Crane Hill, Bremen, Garden City, Berlin, Jones Chapel, Logan, Walter and other areas across the county.

The weather cameras are intended to help during more than severe weather.

They can also be useful for:
- heavy rain
- high winds
- winter weather
- fog
- flooding
- post-storm road conditions
- festival and event traffic
- active traffic conditions
- general travel visibility

Cullman County is large, and weather does not affect every community the same way at the same time.

Conditions in one part of the county can look very different from conditions just a few miles away.

That is where local visibility becomes important.

A parent may want to see what roads look like before school pickup. A worker may want to check conditions before driving home.

A visitor may want to know what traffic looks like before heading to a festival. A resident may want to see whether roads are improving after storms or winter weather.

Tribune Weather Command was created for those moments.

The project is part of The Tribune's broader public-service mission. During severe weather, the newspaper already provides live updates, road information, school and event notices and information from official sources. Tribune Weather Command gives that coverage a dedicated home.

The platform is also designed to remain simple. Residents do not need to search across multiple pages during a stressful weather event.

They can go to one local site and find cameras, radar, shelters, outages, safety information and important numbers.

As the additional weather cameras are added, the goal is to make Tribune Weather Command a practical tool for every part of Cullman County.

The cameras will not stop storms.

They will not replace warnings.

They will not take the place of official emergency instructions.

But they can help people see conditions for themselves.

In severe weather, winter weather, flooding, traffic delays and recovery efforts, that kind of local visibility can help people make better decisions.

Tribune Weather Command was built with that purpose in mind: to give Cullman County another reliable tool before the storm, during the storm and after the storm.

Critter Crew Back-to-School Nature Quest happening Aug. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Critter Crew is offering a special kickoff to the new school year. The Critter Crew Back-to-School Nature Quest will take place at Sportsman Lake Park on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 9-10 a.m.

The quest will include a guided nature walk that gives attendees a chance for explorative play and to develop appreciation for the outdoors.

This event will also include Nature Quest Bingo with the opportunity to win prizes.

The cost $15 per participant, but the first five participants to register will receive a special surprise! Reserve your spot at https://forms.gle/3Dp7oq6q2A-8CusGq9.

Visit Facebook/Critter Crew to learn more about the crew and their wildlife ambassadors.

Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman.

Heat (from Front)

NWS Huntsville
Contributor

Another hot and humid day is ahead for north Alabama today, with dangerous heat remaining the primary weather concern.

Early Tuesday: Patchy to locally dense fog may reduce visibility during the morning commute. Slow down, use low-beam headlights and allow extra travel time if you encounter fog.

Tuesday afternoon: A Heat Advisory remains in effect for Cullman County through 7 p.m. Tuesday, with afternoon temperatures climbing into the middle and upper 90s.

Heat index values could reach 100 to 109 degrees, while areas farther west remain under an Extreme Heat Warning with heat indices as high as 112 degrees.

To stay safe:
- Drink plenty of water.
- Take frequent breaks in the shade or air conditioning.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle, even for a few minutes.
- Check on elderly neighbors, family members and anyone without reliable air conditioning.

Tuesday evening: There is a low chance that a few strong to severe thunderstorms could clip portions of northeast Alabama. If storms develop, the primary threats will be gusty to damaging winds, frequent lightning and locally heavy rainfall.

Even though the severe weather risk is low, have multiple ways to receive weather warnings and head indoors immediately if you hear thunder or see lightning.

Stay weather aware and continue to monitor the latest forecasts throughout the day.

CCPL to host Harry Potter birthday celebration July 31

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library will be hosting a birthday celebration for the main character of JK Rowling's fantasy universe and wizarding world, Harry James Potter. The fictional character's birthday is July 31, 1980.

Library organizers advise this celebration will include games and activities such as trivia relating to the seven-book fantasy series. Goodie bags will be available while supplies last!

Don't forget to wear your favorite costume and come with any and all "Potterverse" knowledge.

The celebration will be held on Friday, July 31, at 10 a.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, located at 200 Clark St. NE.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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
• Wednesday, July 29– 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, July 31 – 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.
• Sunday, Aug. 2 – 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. 2 p.m. prayer service.

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.

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

After late coaching change, Sellers' Hanceville Bulldogs finding confidence in revamped defense

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Following a 0-10 season for the Bulldogs, changes were made in Hanceville, just not when anyone expected.

Less than six weeks from the start of the 2026 season, former head coach Levi Estes stepped down from his position, and former offensive play caller Cody Sellers was given the reins.

It would be easy for any program, especially coming off the season the Bulldogs had, to spiral after such a late change. Instead, there's a new buzz in the air in Hanceville.

"Oh, it's been a surprise, but exciting. I was definitely shocked when it all went down, but very excited and very blessed with a great group of kids. I couldn't ask to work with a better group of young men. The attitude and the efforts have been tremendous. We've even got more turnout than we had originally, and you can just kind of feel a little hope and excitement in the air, and that's really kind of powering us through," Sellers said.

The first-time head coach will shoulder the weight of calling both the offensive and defensive plays. Despite most recently being the offensive coordinator for the 'Dawgs, Sellers has prior experience as a DC, learning under Matt Geohagan at Bibb County, who he called "one of the greatest defensive guys in the state of Alabama."

The 2025 Hanceville defense struggled, to say the least, giving up 66.3 points per contest. Over the summer, that glaring area of concern has become a bright spot for the Bulldogs, with Sellers saying the defense is, "One of the things I'm most excited about so far."

Sparking that excitement is the return of middle linebacker (and quarterback) Jackson Sellers, who tore his ACL prior to the '25 season. He and Nick Davis will patrol the middle of the field behind an even defensive front in their scheme.

"I'm very excited about our secondary as well, where you got Leusby and Xavier Malcolm on the same side of the field. It just gives you, as a coach, so much confidence. The back side, you have Irvin Lucedo, you have Ezra Pruitt and you have Brayden Rogers," Sellers said. He added, "We'll struggle with depth this year, but one of the places that we don't struggle with depth as much is going to be on that defensive back end. As coach right now if you asked me 'what part of this football team are you most confident in?', it's the back half of our defense."

Up front, the defensive and offensive lines will have faces and questions in common. After starting four freshman on the lines last year at times, those same players have come back with new strength, experience and wisdom.

"If you watched last year, you're going gonna think, 'wow, where did these lines come from?' It's going to be the same kids, they're just older, they're wiser. They're not thrown into the mix so much. They had to step up and play some real quality 3A ball as freshmen, and even though we took our lumps with them last year, you can just see the confidence and comfort in them this year," Sellers said.

Who exactly the offensive line will be protecting at quarterback is unclear for the Bulldogs, with the position battle still underway. The first option, senior Jackson Sellers, was described as "your more traditional quarterback," with a big body and arm, and a power-running style. The other is senior Zavier Malcolm, listed at 5-7. The size may not be traditional for the position, but the decision making, speed and change of direction certainly are. Both play a different style of football, which Sellers said could give the team an advantage, holding a positional "1-2 changeup."

Adaptability is a theme of the Bulldogs' offense, with Sellers saying the team will use multiple looks after building the playbook around his players' strengths.

"I'm one of those, 'take what you got' coaches. First you have to look at your personnel, then we devise our scheme around the strengths of our players. I believe a coach's number one job is to put a player in a position to succeed. There's an old saying, you know, 'you can't do it for him' and I understand that, I believe that, but you shouldn't consistently ask a kid to do something that is not in his wheelhouse. So we are very multiple on offense. We like to do a lot of different looks, a lot of different formations, a lot of different motions. We may line up five-wide empty, we may line up in two tight i-formation. We will mix it up from time to time, but we won't have something the kids don't feel comfortable in, because comfort's going to equal confidence and confidence usually equals results," Sellers said.



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Hanceville's A.J. Carnathan (left) breaking up a pass attempt to Ezra Pruitt (right)

Leading the group of offensive playmakers is 6-foot sophomore receiver Ezra Pruitt, who's complemented by Nick Davis and A.J. Carnathan, who Sellers described as, "one of the most vocal leaders on the team."

In the backfield is one of the largest surprises of camp thus far according to Sellers, running back Irvin Macedo, who will share reps with Leusby. Powered by their playmakers, the offense will need to keep their momentum from '25 after landing in a new region with former 4A teams like Oneonta, Etowah and Susan Moore.

On the shaken up region, Sellers said, "I think it's going to be tough every single week, especially in our position. There's no off week. There's no, 'okay, we kind of let our guard down a little bit and breathe.' No, I mean, every week's going to be a dog fight, but I am excited. I am excited about the newness of the region. I am excited to travel in the region, we won't have to go as far as other times. So, you know, the Lord, don't make mistakes and everything just lines up the way it's supposed to."

Partnerships (from Front)

took place July 19-22, in Point Clear.

The session, "Partnership to Strengthen Alabama Communities: A Cullman Case Study," focused on projects completed through partnerships involving the City of Cullman, ADECA and other organizations.

More than 550 people attended the conference.

The audience included economic development professionals, engineers, general contractors, construction companies, architects, Alabama Department of Commerce representatives and others involved in industrial recruitment and expansion.

The Cullman presentation was scheduled immediately before the conference's Governor's Luncheon, which featured Gov. Kay Ivey.

Boswell said ADECA selected Cullman to give attendees a local perspective on using the department's programs and completing grant-supported projects.

"For ADECA's presentation at the Economic Development Association of Alabama Summer Conference, we thought it would be a great opportunity for attendees from across Alabama to hear from local leaders who have taken advantage of the resources available at ADECA," Boswell said. "There is no better example of that than the City of Cullman."

Boswell credited Jacobs and the city's leadership with developing projects that have produced benefits beyond the city.

"Mayor Jacobs and his team have a great vision for the city, and the projects that have been supported by ADECA grants benefit not only Cullman itself but also the surrounding area," Boswell said.

Boswell uses his conference appearance annually to update economic development professionals on ADECA's programs and available funding. Boswell asked Jacobs and Greer to discuss projects Cullman had completed and explain how the city worked through the process.

"He said rather than him taking 30 minutes and standing up and talking about all of his programs again, he wanted us to come down and tell them that we had completed numerous projects and explain how we did them," Jacobs said.

Boswell said the presentation allowed Jacobs and Greer to discuss Cullman's relationship with ADECA, its grant processes and the effects of completed projects.

"The story of Cullman's partnership with ADECA, what it has been like to work through our grant processes and the tremendous boost that these projects have made in the community was a story I felt would help other communities," Boswell said.

Projects discussed during the session included Depot Park, improvements to 24th Street associated with the REHAU expansion and an aviation and workforce development project at Cullman Regional Airport.

Depot Park, which was supported by a $500,000 Appalachian Regional Commission grant, and the pavement resurfacing of 24th Street for a REHAU expansion, supported by $700,000 in ARC and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), were two projects Boswell highlighted. ARC funds are federal dollars administered through ADECA. CDBG funds are state appropriated dollars.

Grant money for Depot Park property helped fund infrastructure improvements.

The park is now used for Cullman's Christkindlmarkt, Oktoberfest and Alabama Strawberry Festival and other events. Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism reports attendance at the three festivals of more than 600,000 last year.

Jacobs described the ARC grant as seed money that helped the city begin preparing the property before additional investments were made.

Jacobs worked with consultants to draft a site plan, cost estimate, show the work to be done, describe the potential economic impact and the city commitment to share in the cost.

The presentation also addressed improvements to 24th Street completed in connection with an expansion at REHAU. Greer said portions of the roadway were the responsibility of both the city and county and that the overall work represented an approximately $1 million project.

According to Greer, the project received $350,000 through the CDBG program for job creation and another $350,000 through ARC from a special fund earmarked for automotive projects. The remaining costs were funded locally. ARC funds could be used to match the CDBG grant lowering the local government financial burden to $300,000.

Greer cited an aircraft maintenance hangar developed at Cullman Regional Airport to emphasis the importance of consulting with ADECA before taking action.

The airport already had maintenance services for piston-powered aircraft and was recruiting Martin Aviation to add jet maintenance capabilities.

No grants funds were available for a hangar, but there was assistance for projects that combined workforce training and aviation that could include a hangar.

City representatives met with Wallace State Community College to discuss aviation related instruction.

"The college and Martin Aviation worked together to form a partnership that let us successfully apply for a $1 million grant," Greer said. "The result, a hangar and immediate jobs for Martin and a Wallace workforce complex training students for future aviation jobs."

He continued, "Be flexible as an applicant and consult with the experts at ADECA. They can quickly make a project viable."

ADECA projects illustrate the range of community, infrastructure and economic development needs that may qualify for assistance.

Cullman has obtained funding for recreation trails, industrial roads, airport improvements, Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Foundry Farm, The Link of Cullman County, sewer and water lines, a theater building and many others. Cullman County has tapped into grant resources as well.

The primary advice shared with attendees, Greer said, was to contact ADECA early, remain flexible and be prepared to adjust a project to meet funding requirements.

Greer said communities should not approach the agency with only a broad idea and an unsupported estimate.

Applicants should instead provide a defined project, preliminary cost information and evidence that the community has the ability and financial commitment to complete the work.

"You really need a consultant, an architect or somebody to help you with the concept so that you can see it," Jacobs said.

ADECA staff members can help communities identify programs that may apply to a proposed project, according to Jacobs.

He said those conversations should begin before local decisions limit the agency's available options.

Boswell described ADECA as a free source of consultation during the early stages of planning. Waiting too long to contact the agency can limit the ways the staff can assist.

Greer also said grants do not cover the full cost of a project. The applicant is nearly always required to have a financial investment in the project.

Local leaders should identify matching funds and determine whether the city, county or participating organization can complete the project before seeking assistance, he told attendees it was rewarding to have the agency recognize that Cullman had properly applied for funding, completed its projects and continued benefiting from the initial investments.

Jacobs said, "ADECA's purpose is to help communities move qualifying projects forward, even when the agency cannot cover the full cost. Their goal is to help the state, the communities and the groups do better."

Greer also discussed the time required to pursue public grant funding. He said communities should not treat ADECA assistance as an immediate source of money.

The process may require waiting for a new funding cycle, completing a formal application, receiving approval and then waiting for the money to be released. Greer said some projects can take months to move through the process.

Boswell thanked Jacobs and Greer for participating in the presentation and sharing Cullman's experience with conference attendees.

"I deeply appreciate the wisdom, experience and insight that they shared with attendees," Boswell said.



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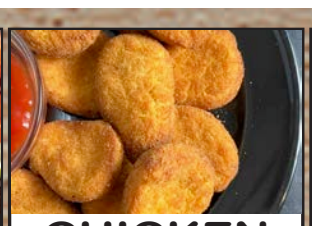
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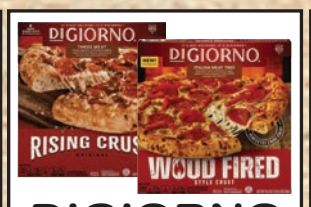
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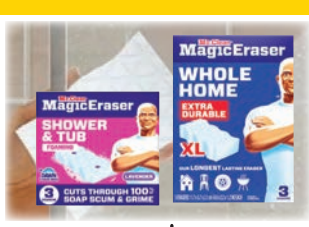
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ALDOT schedules Aug. 5 public meeting for Hwy. 69 widening, St. Bernard bridge replacement project

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has scheduled an in-person public involvement meeting to provide an update on the proposed widening of Alabama Highway 69 and replacement of the St. Bernard bridge in Cullman.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 4-6 p.m. at East Elementary School, 608 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman.

According to ALDOT, the meeting will allow residents, property owners and other interested parties to review project information, view maps, speak with project representatives and provide comments on the proposed improvements.

Updated project information is also available online through ALDOTinvolved.com. Visitors can select Public Meetings Schedule, choose Cullman County, then select Widening and Bridge Replacement on AL-69. The website includes multiple project maps showing various segments of the project, along with an online comment form for those wishing to submit feedback.

Project renderings released by ALDOT illustrate the proposed bridge replacement near St. Bernard Drive as well as planned roadway widening along Alabama Highway 69.

The project is intended to improve the corridor by replacing the existing bridge and widening portions of the roadway. Additional project details, including proposed improvements, maps and other supporting documents, are available through the ALDOT public meeting website.

Anyone with a disability requiring special assistance or anyone needing language translation or interpretation services is asked to contact the ALDOT regional office at 256-505-4956 at least five days before the meeting. ALDOT said the meeting facility is wheelchair accessible.

Residents who are unable to attend the meeting in person may still review the project information and submit comments through the ALDOT public involvement website.

Public meeting information

- What: ALDOT Public Involvement Meeting – Alabama Highway 69 Widening and St. Bernard Bridge Replacement
- Date: Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026
- Time: 4-6 p.m.
- Location: East Elementary School, 608 Fourth Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Information and project maps: ALDOTinvolved.com – Public Meetings Schedule – Cullman County – Widening and Bridge Replacement on AL-69
- Accommodation requests: Call 256-505-4956 at least five days before the meeting.

The meeting is part of ALDOT's public involvement process, providing the public an opportunity to review the proposed project and offer comments before work moves forward.



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Spotlight (from Front)

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Pentastar South Car Club hosts a car show every year in June to support Secret Meals for Hungry Children. Mopars by the Lake Organizer Brenda Allison said the show would not be possible without sponsors.

In Brenda's words:

When the Dodge dealership sold, I approached new owner Kevin Allison and spoke with him about the show and how the dealership has been with us as a sponsor for many years. He didn't blink an eye and said, "Count me in. That's the kind of sponsors we deal with.

Along with the Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram dealership, we have Alabama Credit Union, Napa Auto Parts, Advance Auto Parts, West Cullman Electric and many more that are happy to support our cause.

Secret Meals for Hungry Children became real to me as I taught high school and kids would come by my classroom and ask for crackers, Pop Tarts or anything I might have to eat. That's when I realized how food insecurity affected a lot of my students. They were coming to school to eat.

That's when our club decided to partner with Secret Meals to help. The $4,000 raised (at this year's Mopars by the Lake event) will make a sizable impact in the fight against food insecurity.

Secret Meal packs are delivered to the schools where students are identified as needing something to eat on the weekend. While the kids are at PE, teachers place food packs in their backpacks, so that others will not know and they will not be embarrassed. Thus the name, Secret Meals.

All money raised here in Cullman County stays here to support students that are in need.

Secret Meals is more than a charity; they are a movement dedicated to ending childhood hunger in Alabama. Through the unwavering support of Alabama Credit Union and compassionate individuals like you, Secret Meals has become a beacon of hope for thousands of children.

You can donate through the Secret Meals site (www.secretmeals.org), where you can choose a one-time gift or a monthly recurring gift. $140 feeds one child one weekend for an entire year. You can also go by any branch of Alabama Credit Union and donate there.

No child should be without food, With your help, no child will be hungry.



BRENDA ALLISON

Left to right are April Stanford, Kevin Allison, Brenda Allison, Linda Turner and an unidentified woman.



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Richard Trammell (left) Gabriel Brakefield (right)


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Impressions (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Shirley Burden Public Library in Hanceville welcomed Education Curators Christian Wysmulek and Richard Trammell from the Alabama Department of Archives & History on July 22. The pair presented "Lasting Impressions: Fossils & Artifacts" as part of the library's summer programming.

They showcased many artifacts and fossils, including pottery, arrowheads and more to an engaged audience.

Wysmulek began with a ceramic pot made by Native Americans. He explained to the younger audience that clay is much like Play-Doh. He told them it starts out soft and dries to maintain a shape. "When you pull clay out of the ground – because clay is basically a type of dirt – it usually is something that we moisten up. So we get it wet, and then we can use it to shape a bunch of different plates, bowls, jewelry and things like that."

He said artifacts like clay pottery end up being evidence of how people lived in the past. "Anything that is made or used by people in the past tells a little something about how they lived. They had to make their own pots because, unlike us, they couldn't go to the store." The children seemed fascinated by this fact.

Wysmulek moved on to the next object, which to the children looked like a rock. One in the audience shouted, "It's like an arrow!" Indeed, he had a large arrow head. He explained, "If this were attached to a stick, some people might call it an arrowhead, like you might use for hunting." They also showcased a smaller arrowhead that would be used for an arrow, and another, much larger arrowhead that would suit a spear.

Moving on to fossils, they explained to the children that artifacts are items made by people and fossils are the remains of living things.

Wysmulek held up an example, saying, "This is a rock, but it's also a fossil." He asked if they knew what kind it was, and one young audience participant suggested it may be an ammonite, seeming to impress

Trammell and Wysmulek a great deal. Others said it was maybe a muscle. They were all on the right track: sea life. What they had was indeed dried fossilized coral. Wysmulek used "Finding Nemo" as a reference point, saying, "It looks like a plant, but, I was bringing up 'Finding Nemo' because if you ever see, like, a clownfish and little fish, like that, a lot of little fish live among coral reefs."

Trammell read "Fossils Tell Stories" by Yuri Kim, asking the children questions as he moved along. "Did all dinosaurs turn into fossils? Are their footprints preserved in rock fossils? Over here in this picture, you'll see what's called dinosaur dung. And on the other side, you'll see dinosaur eggs. Does anyone know what dinosaur dung is?"

The children comically yelled out, "Poop!" as the adult audience chuckled. "Poop. Good job," he said. "So sometimes we can tell a lot about animals back then by looking at their poop."

The children got to participate in some trivia before going outside to dust off artifacts and match them with the correct picture on a place mat. They also had a snack provided by the library and were given small toy dinosaurs to take home.

Wysmulek told The Tribune before the program began, "We do outreach to libraries, especially in the summer, as part of summer reading programs, back-to-school boot camps, all of these kinds of things.

"This summer we have a presentation prepared that is playing off the collaborative summer library program theme this year, which is 'Unearth a Story.'"

Get more information about the Alabama Department of Archives & History at https://archives.alabama.gov/default.aspx.

Pet safety: What to know about screwworms

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries is warning Alabamians to be on the lookout for this potential pest. New World Screwworms (NWS) are blow fly larvae, otherwise known as "maggots," that embed into the skin. This can cause severe to fatal damage to pets, livestock, wildlife, birds and, in rare cases, people.

Female flies can lay eggs on or near open wounds, body orifices or decaying tissue. Once a larva hatches, it will burrow into the skin of its host and will feed on the flesh. This will persist until treated, causing inflammation and tissue damage.

Not only will they lay eggs around wounds, but they can also lay eggs on living animals' nostrils, ears, eyes, mouth or genitalia. The main damage is caused by the progressing larvae's mouthhooks that increase tissue damage.

In livestock these flies can lay eggs in the umbilical region of newly birthed animals, castration wounds, branding locations, ear tags, notching or marking locations and, as previously stated, open wounds or cuts.

If you notice your pet or other animals showing signs of sensitivity or open wounds the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries suggests you contact your veterinarian.

Larvae will fall from the wound, bury in the ground to pupate (transform into a pupa) then enter adult stage and become flies. From there they will find new hosts and continue to multiply.

"At this time, the detection of New World Screwworm in an agricultural setting in Texas does not represent an increased risk for Alabama citizens who do not have risk factors specific to New World Screwworm, such as travel to impacted areas," ADAI advised.

Though flies can travel up to 10-12 miles to find a host and, if not caught and treated, will further spread.

Animals infected may distance themselves from you or other animals and stop eating. Watch for unusual behavior and make sure your animals are assessed on a regular basis.

If you suspect an animal may have New World Screwworm you can call the Office of the State Veterinarian at 334-240-7253 or email stvet@agi.alabama.gov.

Get more info at https://agi.alabama.gov/animalindustries/new-world-screwworm.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
NORMA LAMPITT,) CASE NO.: PC2026-205
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KAREN RAYBURN BEDFORD, RICHARD LAMPITT, JASMINE LIVINSTON, JAVONNAH JANEE KNOX AND ANY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KINS OR INTERESTED PARTIES OF NORMA LAMPITT

Petition for Probate of Will filed by Kristina L. Miller, Petitioner, through Attorney, Dan J. Willingham has been set for hearing on **10th day of September, 2026, at 09:30a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition if they see proper.

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

DONE this 27th day of July, 2026.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF: *
MARY ANN WILKS, * **CASE NO.: PC2026-287**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tammy W. Pate, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Ann Wilks, deceased, on the 27th 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.

Tammy W. Pate
Personal Representative

Clint L. Maze
Attorney for Petitioner
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, Alabama 35016

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA,
CULLMAN COUNTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **FRUTUOSO JAIMEZ GONZALEZ, an unmarried man,** to Cullman Savings Bank, dated November 13, 2014, which mortgage appears of record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, at Mortgage Book 1748 Page 97, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Cullman Savings Bank as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse at Cullman County, Alabama, on **August 27, 2026**, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 14 of Walker Heights Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 111 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to restrictions as set forth in instrument recorded in Miscellaneous Book 45, Page 663 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Parcel ID Number: 16-02-03-0-001-044.002

Property address: 45 County Road 1624, Cullman, AL 35058

This property will be sold on an "as-is, where-is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. 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. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The purchase price must be paid in certified funds by close of business on the date of sale at the Law Office of Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. at the address indicated below. Bland, Harris & McClellan, P.C. reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidder should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

CULLMAN SAVINGS BANK
By: Nancy F. McClellan
401 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 734-4040

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
JAMES ROLLO,) CASE NO.: P2026-238
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

Petition for Probate of Will received the 9th day of June, 2026, made court record the 11th day of June, 2026, filed by Christie Rollo, Petitioner, through Attorney Perry D. Knight. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **2nd day of September, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

DONE this 24th day of July, 2026.

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

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by either hand-delivery, by U.S. Mail, or by placing a copy of the same in the box provided for counsel in the Probate Court's office.

Perry D. Knight

Court Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
)
IRA STONEY LEE MILBURN,) CASE NO.: PC2026-242
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: LUCENDA GIBBS and all Known and Unknown Heirs of the estate of IRA STONEY LEE MILBURN, deceased.

The *Petition for Probate of Will* has been set for hearing on **10th day of September, 2026, at 10:30a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Room 101.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said Petition if they see proper.

DONE this 27th day of July, 2026.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2026-027

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF
MICHAEL WAYNE PRUITT, II
TO ADOPT J.D.C.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JESSIE DAVID CUNDIFF, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF J.D.C. BORN July 7, 2006

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* to adopt J. D. C. (born 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
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 THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CARY VAN MARK BENNETT, DECEASED.

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

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

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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

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

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

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

Michael William Voss
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 Jack C Scott and Jamie Scott, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Traditions Bank, its successors and assigns. dated June 25, 2015; said mortgage being recorded on June 26, 2015 in Deed Book 1763, Page 942 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Onslow Bay Financial LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 374, Page 536 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The undersigned, Onslow Bay Financial LLC, 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 July 2, 2026 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot Number 3 in Block Number 2 of the Catoma View Subdivision as same appears of Record in Map Book 5 Page 173 in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as **1608 Catoma Dr Ne, Cullman, AL 35055**.

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.

ONSLOW BAY FINANCIAL LLC
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
505 20th Street N, Suite 1775
Birmingham, AL 35203
Telephone: (205) 216-4238
FT21@mccalla.com
File No. 23-04532AL
www.foreclosurehotline.net

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AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

The sale date under the above mentioned Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale has been postponed until August 13, 2026, and public notice thereof having been given, the above notice is hereby republished with this amendment.

Cullman Tribune, July 28, 2026

23-04532AL

Obituary Announcements: July 25-27

Gary Anthony Miller, 60
Funeral service for Gary Anthony Miller, age 60, of Bremen, was at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Brian Calvert officiating; burial at Cold Springs Baptist Cemetery. Visitation was from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Miller passed away on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at his residence. He was born, May 27, 1966, to James Wayne Miller and Gaye Miller. He was preceded in death by his father, James Wayne Miller and brother, James Wayne Miller, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Cherrie Miller; mother; sisters, Margaret (Mike) Reeder and Melissa Hancock; niece, April Stone; nephews, Jeremy Allred, Kevin Allred, Chase Ward, Jason Hancock, Kenny Hancock and Jarrett Miller.

Sister Jane Estelle Bishop, O.S.B., 90
Sister Jane Estelle Bishop, O.S.B., a Benedictine Sister of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama, died peacefully at the monastery on July 23, 2026, after an extended illness. Reception of the Body with Vespers of the Dead will take place at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, followed by visitation until 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10 a.m. on Friday, July 31, with burial in the monastery cemetery to follow. All liturgies and Visitation will be held in Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel, 916 Convent Road, Cullman. Sister Jane was born in 1935 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Charles Herbert Bishop and Mary Margaret Langford Bishop. She was baptized Jane Estelle at St. Elizabeth's Church in Aiea, Hawaii. Her father's military career led the family to several destinations across the country before settling permanently in Pensacola, Florida. Sister Jane enjoyed her childhood and youth in Pensacola, finding a warm and vibrant community in her neighborhood, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church and School, and at Pensacola Catholic High School. She was a good student, serving at valedictorian of her high school graduating class. Sister Jane excelled at sports, both in the neighborhood, and on her high school's basketball team. St. Stephen's was staffed by Benedictine Sisters whom Sister Jane came to admire and who were the inspiration for her vocation. A pivotal memory she later shared was hearing the Sisters pray Vespers together in St. Stephen's Church, a powerful and moving experience for her. Sister Jane entered Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman as a postulant in 1953, receiving the name Sister Mary Carol when she entered the novitiate a year later. In 1958, Sister Jane made her perpetual monastic profession. Following Vatican II, she chose the option to return to her baptismal name of Jane Estelle. As preparation for the ministry of education, Sister Jane earned an A.A. degree from Sacred Heart College in Cullman and a B.A. in history from Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison, Kansas. She later completed an M.A. in Modern European History at the University of Notre Dame. Sister Jane's first assigned ministry was teaching elementary grades in several diocesan schools. By 1965, she was teaching high school social studies, first at John Carroll Catholic High School, and then at her alma mater, Pensacola Catholic High School. Sister Jane's desire to serve eventually led her from teaching to parish ministry. She ministered at Holy Spirit Church in Huntsville for four years as parish minister to the sick, aged, and bereaved. In 1985, she began service as Pastoral Minister at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Birmingham where her heart for ministry and her creative energy blossomed into twenty-seven years of fruitful service. Here, Sister Jane developed a bereavement ministry, organized care teams, trained Extraordinary Ministers of Communion for the sick, spear-headed fund-raising events to support outreach programs, engaged in prison ministry, helped initiate a parish connection with a mission in Mexico, and made many other contributions to the life of the parish. In 2009, Sister Jane and those with whom she ministered at St. Francis Xavier received the New Horizon Award from the University of Alabama at Birmingham's Center for Aging, acknowledging the contributions of Sister Jane and the St. Francis Xavier community in enhancing the health and well-being of older adults in the community. A life-long learner and always seeking to be well-prepared for service, Sister Jane attended many workshops and post-graduate programs during her years of teaching and pastoral ministry, including courses in economics, theology, bereavement, and gerontology. She was trained as a chaplain through a program in Clinical Pastoral Education. The broader civic community also benefited from Sister Jane's expertise and passion for service through her engagement in organizations such as the North Alabama Regional Council on Aging and the Alabama Interfaith Council on Aging. Within the monastic community, Sister Jane served as Coordinator of Community Health Services for five years, caring untiringly for the community's older sisters. She also served on the Monastic Council and on multiple committees during her years in community. Sister Jane was known for her compassionate heart, good humor, delightful laugh, love of reading, the ability to draw people together, and a visionary enthusiasm in taking on new projects. All of these characteristics were lifelong. From childhood through her final days, Sister Jane's joyous presence brought a smile to countless hearts, her comforting presence offered solace to many, and her boundless energy showed the love of Christ in action. Sister Jane was preceded in death by her parents and by her siblings Betty Ann Harwood and June Carolyn Longo. Survivors include nieces, nephews, extended family, and her Benedictine Sisters. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama, 916 Convent Road, NE, Cullman, AL, 35055 or at shmon.org/support-us.

Mack Soileau, 72
It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mack Soileau, who went to be with the Lord July 23, 2026. Born Aug. 12, 1953, in Port Barre, Louisiana, Mack lived a life marked by kindness, dedication and love for his wife, family and friends. Mack was most known for his Christian faith, his musical talents, his love of LSU football, his knowledge of cars and the stories he would tell. Mack is survived by his wife Jackie Soileau of Falkville, Alabama, his children Jennifer Soileau of Lafayette, Louisiana, Janet Soileau of Opelousas, Louisana, his son's Brandon Ball of Addison, Alabama and Austin Ball of Hartselle, Alabama. His grandchildren, Naomi and Nicholas Shuemaker of Lafayette, Louisana and Victoria Brown of Leonville, Louisana. His mother Eula Mae Soileau of Opelousas, Two sisters Justine (Gordan) Harris of Virginia, Christine Soileau of Youngsville. two brothers Elrrol (Virginia) Soileau and Scott Soileau both of Opelousas, Louisana. And a host of nieces and nephews and other family members. He was preceded in death by his Maternal and Faternal Grandparents and his Father Wilson "Smiley" Soileau. Those who knew Mack will remember him for his passion for life, taking shortcuts in a roadtrip and his contagious laugh. Mack leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion and cherished memories that will live on in the hearts of everyone that loved him. Rest in Peace Funeral Service for Mack Anthony Soileau, age 72 of Falkville, was at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. James Burnham officiating; burial at Union Hill Cemetery. Visitation was from noon-2 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Clois Janette Owens, 86
Funeral Service for Clois Janette Owens, age 86, of Cullman, was at 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Wade Warren officiating; burial was at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation was from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Janette passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026, at her residence. She was born, Jan. 7, 1940, to Gurley Nelson and Birdie Nelson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Irby Owens; her parents; brother, Audrey Nelson; brother, Billy Nelson and sister, Patsy Knight. Survivors include her daughter, Gyzelle (Wade) Warren; grandchildren, Andy (Miranda) Warren, Gracie (Duncan) Hopper, Maggie (Scott) Waitley; nine great grandchildren; sister, Judy Nelson; brother, Ronnie (Kaythy) Nelson; sister, Kathy (Delone) Dunn and caregiver and special friend, Rhonda Bracero. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of North Alabama for their care and kindness.

Arestides Mandawe Raneses, 77
A Century of Style, Grit, and Grace - With hearts full of gratitude and sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Arestides Mandawe Raneses, who took her final bow-unafraid and with an open heart-surrounded by her loving family in Cullman, Alabama, at the age of 77. A woman of extraordinary beauty, strength, and grace, she lived a full life as a force of nature-unyielding, loving, and unforgettable. She leaves behind a legacy as vibrant and complex as she was. She was a devoted daughter, sister, and wife to the late Jesus, her husband of 35 years; a proud and guiding mother of four children -Raymundo, Rhodora, Jay, and Cheryl; a doting grandmother to Annejelyn, Randon, Jay Jr., Rykie, Shaelynn, Alyssa, and a mother-in-law to Jhilin, Glenn, Tracy; and a generous friend to many. From humble beginnings from the Philippines, Arestides built a life defined by resilience, independence, and deep devotion to family. Long before it was fashionable to be independent, she was charting her own course. As a young woman, she ventured off to a strange new country, working in the strawberry fields, in a plastic factory, as a maid, and as a technician for numerous assembly companies. Through sheer grit and determination, and setting an enduring example of independence, self-reliance, and service to others. A lover of cinema and fine words, a sharp wit with a sharper memory, she remained curious about the world and those around her until the end. She moved her family from the Philippines to Salinas where her children could roam free. She poured her heart into creating a warm and loving home, taking deep pride in nurturing not only her family, but her friends, the dreams, and lifelong friendships. She never missed a call for help, always showing up-whether it was for her children, a family in labor in the middle of the night, or neighbors in need. Her presence was grounding and constant, her memory of others' lives astonishing in both detail and compassion. She was a regal beauty with ebony hair that defied time, a bright smile that could light up a room-and sometimes scorch it-depending on who needed putting in their place. Sharp as a samurai sword and just as precise, she lived life exactly on her terms: no shortcuts, no nonsense, and never out of step with her own unapologetic style. She was complex. She was funny. She was proud. She was tough. She was magnificent. She was absolutely one of a kind. And though the world feels a little dimmer without her in it, we carry her with us-in our flower gardens, in our fierce independence, and in the way we show up for the people we love. She is survived by a legacy of strength, compassion, and unforgettable charm and leaves behind not just her children, grandchildren, and extended family-but also a blueprint for living with courage, humor, and grace. She showed us how to find our own voice, how to face challenges with resilience, and how to stand tall in the face of adversity. Her spirit lives on in those she guided, nurtured, and cheered on. To know her was to be seen, to be remembered, and to be loved. She was, and always will be, a force to be reckoned with. Arestides Mandawe Raneses, you were truly a once-in-a-century woman. We promise to keep the legacy going-with love, laughter, and memories of you. Friends are invited to Mrs. Raneses' services on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2026, at 3 p.m. Services will be held at 318 County Road 811, Cullman, Alabama 35057. In lieu of flowers here in Cullman, please send floral arrangements and donations to Struve and Laport Funeral Home, 41 West San Luis Street, Salinas, California 93901, where a second service and burial will be held at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Raneses family.

Josephine Runell Thomas, 81
Josephine Runell Thomas, known to most as Nell, passed away on Friday, July 24, 2026, at the age of 81. Nell was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on Nov. 26, 1944. Ms. Nell worked in retail for many years. She loved flowers and was an avid Alabama fan. Those preceding Ms. Thomas in death include her husband, James Felton Thomas; mother, Dovie Burgget; daughter, Judy Lynn Kritner; brothers, Drennan Burgget, Eugene Burgget, Thurston Burgget, Wayne Burgget; and sister, Vivian Burgget. She is survived by her son, Robert Thomas; granddaughters, Tatum Thomas, Trudy Ritchie; great-grandchildren, Brantley Lee, Brayden Lee, Rylan Ritchie, Jace Ritchie; brother-in-law, Ray Thomas and wife Catherine; three nephews and a niece. Graveside services for Ms. Thomas will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at Fairview West Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomas family.

Holly Ann Tucker, 43
Holly Ann Tucker passed away in the arms of her loved ones on July 22, 2026, at the age of 43 after a long fought war with cancer. She was safe and warm in her home of eight years in Cullman, Alabama when she finally had to fight no longer. Holly is survived by her devoted husband of twenty-six years, Brandon Tucker, daughter, Cheza Tucker, mother, Myrtle Doss, older sisters, Christine Welch, and J.J. Shackelford and her Mother and Father in law, Janet and Wade Lawrence. Anyone that met Holly would have known how big of a heart she possessed. She loved her family above anything else and worked her whole life to give to the people around her. She was a strong shoulder to cry on and understood all your woes and worries, even when she herself had things to carry of her own, she never let anyone feel unloved or unwelcomed. Holly was a beautiful poet and writer who spoke straight from the soul and showed her affections openly to everyone she knew. Even while carrying her daughter, she attended WSCC and then graduated as a licensed practical nurse on April, 6, 2010, where she used this knowledge to further tend to the ones hurting that she could. A thousand years would never have been enough to have such a bright, kind and caring mother like Holly in this world. She will forever be remembered for the heart she had, and the time she used it. Holly's celebration of life ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 19th. The location will be announced at a later date.

Huey Wayne Hilburn, 84
Huey Wayne Hilburn passed on July 24, 2026, at the age of 84; he was born July 13, 1942, in Luverne, Alabama, and was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Sharpton Hilburn; his children, Debbie Hilburn Lowery (Eric), David Hilburn, Drew Hilburn (Crystal), and Jonathan Burns; his brothers, Willie Hilburn (Ann), Donald Hilburn, Ronald Hilburn, and Ray Hilburn; 9 Grandchildren 12 Great Grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Huey Hilburn, and his mother, Melba Bryan Hilburn. Visitation will be held on Tuesday July 28, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at Northbrook Baptist Church, 3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35055, on Tuesday July 28, 2026, at 2 p.m., followed by a Celebration of Life Graveside at Cullman City Cemetery Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to Northbrook Baptist Church Building Fund, 3691 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058, 256-734-6401, or to
North Alabama Hospice, 408 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055

Judy Freeman Anderson, 69
Judy Freeman Anderson, 69, passed on July 23, 2026, and was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. She is survived by her husband, David Anderson; her son, Shane (Victoria) Anderson; her grandchildren, Ashlee (Jacob) Corbin, Gary (Rebecca) Needham, Mason Anderson, and Carter Anderson; and her great grandchildren, Crimson Corbin, Adalynn Corbin, Jaxton Corbin, Walker Justice, Noah Needham, Colton Needham, and Ryder Needham. Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Lorene Freeman; her brother, Jerry Freeman; her daughter, Amy Anderson; her sister in law, Linda McClendon; her mother in law, Flora E. Wise; and her father in law, James R. Anderson. Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church of Fairview, Cullman, AL 35058, on July 26, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Funeral Service was at First Baptist Church of Fairview, Cullman, AL 35058, on July 27, 2026, from 11 a.m.-noon. The Committal Service was held at Fairview Cemetery, Cullman, AL 35058, on July 27, 2026, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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